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■ **Against the bleacher walls** during the Homecoming dance, Mary Bagget, Junior, sits with her date, Jake DeYoung, '06. "We didn't like the music so it was more fun to watch other people dance," Mary said. ■ **While enjoying the 70-degree weather**, seniors Katelyn Laszlo and Jordan Janosek draw supply and demand curves with sidewalk chalk during Advanced Placement Economics. "Hands on learning was more of a benefit for me," Katelyn said. "When teachers forced you to apply what you learned, you were more apt to remember it." ■ **In midair** seniors Tony Kanavos and Mike Curran practice pre-game spirit before their tennis match. "It was important that the team had a lot of spirit," Curran said. "It showed team unity and got the team going for the match." ■ **At French club's Mardi Gras party**, Matt Thompson, junior, samples the traditional King's cake.





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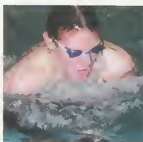
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**SURE SIGN** On Valentine's Day, high winds, snow drifts and inaccessible parking lots forced school officials to call a snow day for the first time in six years. To students' dismay, however, they made up the lost time on Feb. 19, Presidents Day.



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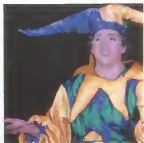
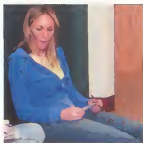
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# like never before

■ As he races down the lane, Greg Meyer, sophomore, stops to breathe. "When you swim anything less than a 100-meter you had to be fast," Greg said. "Otherwise you didn't have time to catch up if you fell behind." ■ While sitting on Columbia Avenue, freshmen Behnoosh Kamali and Anneliese Hernandez watch the Homecoming parade. "The parade gave me an experience of what Homecoming was about," Behnoosh said. ■ Hair swung over her shoulder, Amanda Porter, sophomore, pauses before conjugating a verb in Senior LaReau's Spanish class. "Spanish was my favorite class because I always had fun and Señor was hilarious," Amanda said.

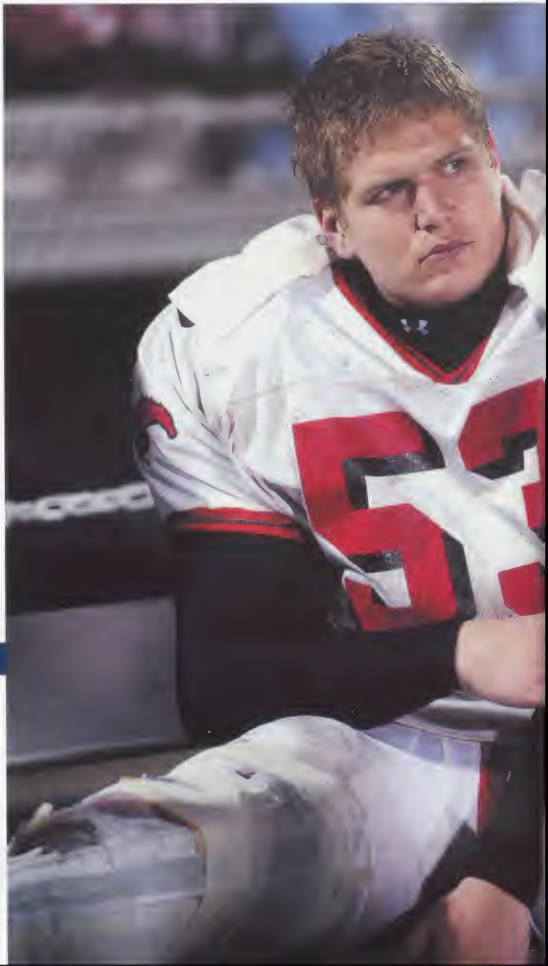
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■ ■ While on his cell phone, Tony Markovich, senior, finishes the Boys' Tennis spread for *Paragon* in the Publications room. "Yearbook pretty much took over my life," Tony said. "I had to catch up on professional and college sports while I was at the Pub."

■ ■ Before first hour, Laura Hennig, junior, crams for her biology test. "If I had a lot of homework at night I would have to save some of it for in the morning," Laura said. ■ ■ In a song about his father, Doug Johnson, sophomore, expresses his feelings as the jester in the fall musical "Once Upon a Mattress." "The jester tried to be funny, but inside he wanted to be like his dad," Doug said.

**IT'S A WRAP** Leg stretched on the bench, Andy Jonelis, senior, watches the Sectional game against Hobart. Andy tore his Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL) during the game. "It was sad to watch my team because it was the last game," Andy said.





# Hey, what's new?

Oh, same old, same old. Getting up, going to school like always. It's just a routine. What about you?

**Everything! Daylight Savings Time came three weeks early and the Varsity Dance Team won State in Hip-Hop for the second consecutive year and like never before...**

Stop! Sorry, but do you honestly mean to tell me that you think a sports team has never been to State before or that anyone really cares when the sun sets?

**You're right, but there's usually something different in your everyday schedule. Maybe it's having a substitute teacher because English teacher Mr. Rob McCall took paternity leave or spending a Tuesday afternoon rollerblading in record-warm March weather, even if it only lasted four days.**

Oh right. Munster kids rollerblading? Like always they pull up in their new Jeeps, Mustangs and shiny red Audis. They waltz into school three minutes before the bell rings without a care.

**Think again. Like never before, the North parking lot flooded twice. Yanked from third hour Sept. 13, students rolled up their pants bottoms to move their cars from the flood zone and Principal Steve Tripenfeldas chauffeured them back to class in a minibus. As if the rain wasn't bad enough, snow fell in February. For the first time in six years, students spent their Valentine's Day enjoying a Snow Day after the 12-inch snowfall.**

I bet they spent the day sledding and playing in the snow. Then they all whined when they came to school on Presidents' Day to make-up the lost time. Who do they think they are? I'll tell you... typical white kids from suburbia.

**FEELING THE BEAT** Dancing her heart out, Danielle Troumoularis, senior, shows her senior pride on 80's Work Out Day. "The greatest part was the energy," Danielle said. "Everyone had so much fun." Seniors danced before school, during lunch and in between classes.



■ In speech class, Jessica Novotney, sophomore, makes puppy chow for a demonstration speech. Puppy chow combined Chex mix, peanut butter, chocolate and powdered sugar, according to Jessica, "I chose puppy chow because it was fun to make and tasted good," Jessica said. ■ At turnabout, sophomores Max Peck and Matt Shacklett dance to the music. Dances moved to the fieldhouse because the crowded Commons couldn't provide enough space for dance attendees. "I had a lot more fun at turnabout," Max said. "Being with all of my friends made it better." ■ Concentrated on her Psychology homework, Alex Cohen, junior, tries to keep her eyes open during homework time. "Mr. Kalwasinski always gave us time to work in class, but I could not keep my mind off of sleep," Alex said.

# Whoa, wait a minute.

**That may have been true 15 years ago, but not anymore. The percentage of minorities jumped to 23.2%, the highest in history. Students debated topics like racial tolerance in Miss Jenny Bulla's speech class and researched their ethnicity for Mrs. Juliann Acevez's culture project in sociology.**

So much for diversity and cultural flare, they still had the same boring Homecoming. Class tee-shirts, floats, pie-eating contests, I've seen it all.

**Ha! Wrong again. A squirrel chewed through an electrical wire causing a blackout on Homecoming Friday. Students were stuck in second hour for over 90 minutes on the half-day, contemplating the fate of the parade and dance. Choir students in Dr. Tim Bartlett's class lit candles and sang Siyahamba, an African hymn, while others jammed out to their iPods in defiance of student handbook rules.**

Well you have a point, but like always their football team had a 5-5 record and crumbled under the pressure of post-season play, not to mention the lack of student support. They won't have a chance when they have to move to the 5A conference.

**That's not true! Students traveled to Highland High School decked out in white clothing with red body paint smeared on their cheeks. They cheered as their team pummeled the Trojans 42-13 at the Battle of the Bridge to recapture the bridge linking the two towns.**

Admit it, though, you know that competition will always spark a rivalry between the Highland and Munster. After all, some things never change....





# SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

**IDENTIFY YOURSELF** 8-13  
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Like **always**, 1,582 students entered the beige-colored box on Columbia Ave. in the name of education. Like **never before** they formed their own identity wearing laid back sweat-shirts and flip flops. They waved to teammates while walking down the hall holding a Grande non-fat Cappuccino from Starbucks. Chemists try labs and research papers and breaks relieved their anxiety. In calculus, they dreamed of plans only to realize the small town's resources limited their social activities. With little to do in the town, students resorted to attending sports events where the Boys' Soccer Team competed for the Semi-state title. Overachievers and crowded parking lots proved **some things never change**.





■ **At the Highland Cross Country meet**, Blake Platt, junior, watches the girls team run its race. "I always wore those sunglasses because they were my special pair," Blake said. ■ **In Advanced Placement Economics**, Liz Vacendak, senior, fills out a packet on cost curves. "I always wore comfy clothes like a sweatshirt and flip flops," Liz said. "I didn't like to get dressed up for school." ■ **To participate in Homecoming week**, Leah Brousalis, sophomore, adds another purple pomp to the sophomore float. "Folding all of those papers, pumping, was a pain," Leah said. ■ **Closing the cabinet door**, Bret Keil, senior, hides from his Calculus teacher, Miss Valerie Plüum. "She was late to class and everyone was hiding from her," Bret said. "She made sarcastic comments when we were late to class, so we gave her a hard time in return."

**WALK THE LINE** In the north hallway, Emily Saucedo, freshman, navigates her way from Spanish to Miss Vicari's fifth hour Biology class. Emily followed the same route to her classes daily to avoid tardies. "It was the shortest route between the two classes, but if I had extra time I would go the longer way or walk with friends," Emily said.



## JUNK IN THE TRUNK

From packing in friends to stuffing athletic bags in the trunk, cars served as a home away from home

### Messy car

Randy Szewka, senior  
1997 Pontiac Bonneville

"I felt like my car really fit me. I always had whatever I needed with me. If my messy car made someone mad, they could always walk."

### Clean car

Lauren Tanzillo, junior  
2007 Honda Civic

"It was like my child, and I didn't like driving around in a dirty car. [My clean car] said I was a neat person and didn't like clutter."



**WAITING TOGETHER** Relieved from finishing her third round, Mallory McShane, junior, checks her Drama rankings with Sonja Vasic, senior, at the Munster Speech meet. "Speech definitely affected my life," Mallory said. "I made a lot of friends in different grades, people I normally didn't see throughout the day."

**FEEL THE RHYTHM** Marching on Columbia Avenue, Kelly Rausch, junior, stays in beat with the band at the Homecoming parade. "Band was the activity that if you were in, most of your friends were in too," Kelly said. "We became kind of like family." Band practiced throughout the summer and school year.



# IDENTIFY YOURSELF

Standing apart from the crowd, students differentiated themselves through dress, beliefs and expression. Despite pressuring conformity, individuals found their place, embracing the exceptions of their social norm.

Hurrying into the library, Adam Bobeck, sophomore, lugged his bursting binder behind him. Collapsing into a chair after spilling his research upon the desk, he prepared for Debate practice.

Frantic debaters scurried through halls with overflowing evidence binders held close to their chests while football players yelled each other's name in passing. Poms and cheerleaders gathered in a circle, as the Publications kids cornered strangers, questioning them while scribbling in their notebooks.

Although 1,582 students packed the hallways, many resembled more than just a face in the crowd.

"What made a debater a debater

was someone who was loud, passionate and blatantly honest," Adam said. "We were all very dedicated, and were willing to give up a good portion of our time to talk about world issues."

Along with debate, Theatre Company proved to be more of a family than just a club, according to Stephanie Sepiol, sophomore.

"I found that people in theater tended to be more eccentric, passionate and devoted. I felt comfortable there because I felt like I could be myself and not seem as much of a weirdo," Stephanie said. "We had similar interests, and we understood each other."

Clubs proved not to be the only





**Card Sharks** With a break in routine, Kevin Watterson, freshman, trades Pokemon cards during Homecoming week. "My friends and I were just messing around and having a good time," Kevin said.

**Spirit Daze** On the spirit truck, Molly Scott, freshman, watches the parade. Covered in spirit, Ethan Hansen, sophomore, listens in class. After a tumble in the 3-legged race, Nicoletta Coduti, and Risa Hurwich, juniors, recover.

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## DANCE PREPARATION

After endless effort and detailed planning, students attended Turnabout.

Breanna Krajewski, sophomore

- **Hair:** updo at Kut Above 1 hour
- **Manicure:** at Kut Above 30 min.
- **Makeup:** at home 20 min.
- **Dressing/ hair:** 5 min.

Kevin Watson, junior

- **Finding a suit:** at Southlake Mall 1 week
- **Flowers:** pick up at Hohman Floral 30 min.
- **Shower/shave:** 30 min.
- **Dressing/ hair:** 15 min.



place where family-like bonds formed. Swimmers reflected the epitome of unity and comfort, according to Tashi Damjanovich, junior.

"Comfort [among the swimmers] actually came with time. These were the people we knew and were together with since we were eight," Tashi said. "It was more a family than a team."

Throughout years of dedication and effort, group bonds developed and strengthened, molding a widespread image. Whether they were football players, swimmers, or "theater geeks," their solid identities reflected throughout the entire school.

"[Debate] made me part of who

I was," Adam said. "I remembered these people for the rest of my life."

However, identity didn't only reveal itself through group bonds. Students let their image shine through with individual clothing, ethnicities and beliefs.

Brown paper bag in hand, Pooja Kansal, junior, clutched her vegetarian lunch as she walked to the cafeteria.

"I was about seven when I realized where [meat] came from and what it actually was," Pooja said, whose mother was a vegetarian and father was not. "It wasn't because of my religion or because of my parents."

Students also went further and became vegan, like Melissa Webber,

sophomore. Practicing vegan beliefs restricted Melissa everyday from meat and all dairy products.

"Dead animals grossed me out, and I felt bad for them," Melissa said.

Melissa felt her dietary beliefs made her a caring person, according to Melissa. However, Pooja believed not eating meat accentuated her independent mind, according to Pooja.

"I thought for myself. No one made me [become a vegetarian]," Pooja said. "It was a belief I developed on my own."

However, diet was just one factor. Black Muslim head scarf on, Sophia

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## LUCKY CHARMS

Something as simple as special socks brought something extra to boost confidence and ease minds.

iPod

Blake Williams, junior

Pencil

Neil Keshvani, junior

Hair tie

Hannah Kurowski, freshman

Crucifix

Camille Gonzalez, freshman

Claddagh ring

Senja Vasic, senior



## SING FOR THE MOMENT

Rehearsing for an upcoming choir concert, Molly White, junior, and Bethany Borgo, freshman, sing with the group. "I think being la-

beled a choir person was one of the better ones to have, because they seemed to have very effusive personalities," Molly said.

## GUILTY BY ASSOCIATION

Students discover group bonds help define personal identity and strengthen group relationships.

"We spend so much time together from July to the end of the [football] season and then in the off season. Its hard for me not to like my teammates. They're all fun, hardworking people."

Zach Bucholtz, sophomore

"All people in choir are really devoted to what they do and really work hard. Something as simple as hitting a right note is such an accomplishment to us."

Jenny Eskander, junior

"I've known most of the swimmers since I was 7 or 8. They're like a second family, and it may sound corny, but its 100% true."

Jordan Jancosek, senior



## IDENTIFY YOURSELF

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Riziuddin, freshman, believed her hijab was a part of her culture.

"My religion made me different, because I dress differently for the hijab," Sophia said. "It was a way of life and I could still be my own individual."

Religion stopped Sophia from committing wrongful deeds and gave her a reason to think before she acted, her Islamic religion beliefs completed her, according to Sophia.

Just like Sophia, Suchita Rastogi, junior, believed the same about the Hin-

du religion, especially from a cultural awareness standpoint.

"It showed me I did have links to my culture and heritage in ways that I wouldn't have thought of as an Indian-American," Suchita said.

Nevertheless, the definition of oneself did not stop at religion, but also included nationalities.

Despite being American born, Nick Pantazis, junior, was proud of his Greek heritage, apparent from three Greek flags in his room, Greek bumper stickers on his car, and his white and blue house.

"Ever since I had moved here in fifth grade I had been known as 'the Greek' in my neighborhood as well as at school," Nick said.

## BOOK OF MIRACLES

Hindu religious book open in front, Suchita and Anisha Rastogi, juniors, read passages from the Gita. The twins prayed for other people and themselves. "Finals weeks, after I had lost my notes, I came in the prayer room and after I thought about it, I went back and found them," Suchita said.

friends from school.

"Being Greek allowed me to meet other from different people and gave me a lot of friends," he said.

But identity exceeded past personal, internal choices and racial categorizing. Dress style also played a role.

With a tie-dye shirt on and her hair in dreadlocks, Maddie Oswald, sophomore, surrounded by her group

With the label of 'the Greek' student with him when he entered school Nick was no limited to ju



## VEGGIE TALES

Refraining from meat, students' food limits extending to their daily diet

### Vegetarian

**Do:** eat eggs and dairy products  
**Don't:** eat beef, pork, poultry, fish, or seafood

### Lacto-vegetarian

**Do:** eat dairy products  
**Don't:** eat meat or eggs

### Ovo-vegetarian

**Do:** eat eggs  
**Don't:** eat meat or dairy products

### Pescatarian

**Do:** eat fish  
**Don't:** eat meat

### Pollo-vegetarian

**Do:** eat chicken  
**Don't:** eat other meats

### Semi-vegetarian

**Do:** occasionally eat meat  
**Don't:** eat meat

### Vegan

**Do:** eat meat, no dairy products, honey, any animal products



**FRUIT TOOTH** A 10-year vegetarian, Pooja Kansal, junior, rummages through her bag for carrot sticks. Pooja gave up meat, but found her restricted diet favorable. "I was lucky I liked eating healthy foods," Pooja said.



**SIDE BY SIDE** In the company of each other, Kara Korem, junior, and Juligarm Yavoun, senior, sit during lunch as friends. Regardless of differences the pair had more aspects in common, such as music, food and television. "Despite differences, Juligarm accepted my decisions," Kara said.

**RAISE THE ROOF** Paint on her cheeks, Berlyn Boswell, senior, shows support for her class during the pep rally. Berlyn attended sporting events, wore sports colors, cheered and took pictures. "Since I was a senior, I wanted to keep the memories," she said.

friends in all-black clothing.

"I'm kind of into the hippie thing," Maddie said. "My friends were more into punk but it was not me."

Regardless of independent clothing choices, students still continued friendships with little notice to the attire of their cohorts.

"I had a lot of other friends that I didn't dress like, but we remained friends because of similar interests," Kara Korem, junior, said.

She felt her friendships with others had no correlation to their separate fashion of dressing. Her clothing was not supposed to mean anything in particular, but played merely a matter of preference, according to Kara.

**POUND IT** Out of tradition, soccer players, Kelly Schlotman, freshman, and Danielle Flores, senior, pound their fists together before each game. "When I was on a soccer team I had to make responsible decisions, like keeping up my grades and staying drug free, which I did," Danielle said.

herself much differently than compared to when in middle school.

"My friends and I had the same interests, but I didn't let them define who I was," Kara said.

Similarly, Allison Skimehorn, freshman, and her friends add personal flairs to their unique style of dressing.

"We all didn't look normal. We were all really outgoing with the way we dressed but added our own per-

"I was a really independent person," Kara said, who clothed

sonality," Allison said.

"I wore what I thought looked good and that was just it," she said, while donning yellow pants. All the bright colors said she was outgoing and not self-conscious, according to Allison.

Not allowing her peers to define who she was, Allison reminded herself to keep her priorities straight.

"I stood up for what I believed in, individuality," she said.

Maddie didn't tolerate peer pressure, but still allowed her friends to positively influence her decisions.

"I sometimes felt out there with my tie-dye shirt and with my friends in their all black clothes but they accepted me for who I was," Maddie said.



## GETTING THE FIX

In the United States, 76% of teens drink caffeine on a daily basis. From freshmen to seniors, students got their daily fix at home, school and vendors like Starbucks.

	Males	Female
Freshmen	57	59
Sophomores	60	13
Juniors	75	69
Seniors	63	68

76%



**IN A WINK** Head rested on her desk during Mrs. Alyce Mann-Webb's French class, Emily Lyness, senior, takes a break in class. According to Emily, all students had a "nap class," but she generally didn't sleep during class. "That was the first time I napped in class," Emily said. "I wasn't feeling good so I put my head down for a bit."

**NO NEED FOR SPEED** In the school parking lot near the pool lot, Emily Gabel, junior, makes her way home after school. In the school parking lot a 15 mph speed limit was instated but rarely followed, according to Emily. "I drove faster than the school speed limit; everyone did," Emily said.



**BOTTOMS UP** Dr. Pepper in hand, Sara Krolak, sophomore, sips on her favorite caffeinated beverage, pop. "It was addicting," Sarah said. "I drank it four times a day, every day."

**BITE-SIZE BLISS** Stuffing a piece in his mouth, Andy Johnson, junior, enjoys his Buffalo Bites during lunch. "Buffalo Bites brightened my Wednesdays," Andy said.



# RUN THE RISK

Each day students partake in behavior that potentially creates mental, physical and emotional health risks. Despite knowing these dangers, students continued to put their health in jeopardy

While most girls spent the day with their minds on last minute Prom plans, Aubrey Gilbert, senior, spent the day before her junior prom in surgery.

"I had a lesion on my wrist," Aubrey said. "It was very minor skin cancer. It was there for six months. I had the surgery last year before Prom."

Because some of her relatives shared the same disease, Aubrey's susceptibility heightened; but, according to her doctor, tanning triggered the cancer to develop at such a young age. However, Aubrey found that the disease didn't significantly affect her daily routine at school or at home.

"It's bad to say, but I didn't do things much differently," Aubrey said.

"I did wear sunscreen and I was always looking for spots; but I still tanned. I shouldn't have at all, but I didn't tan as much."

Teenagers were notorious for their attraction to risky behaviors, according to Jon Velcheck, senior, and he agreed with the stereotype.

"Life without risks would be bland and boring," Jon said. "With every risk you got an outcome that was better."

While Jon enjoyed the prospect of success, even at a loss, students like Cristina Vanko, senior, played it safe.

"I didn't like to gamble with things, especially school," Cristina said. "I hated having to cram for borderline grades and having that sense of, 'Oh





**"SAFE" SUN** For ascetic reasons, Danielle Troumouliaris, senior, lays in a tanning bed at L.A. Tan. "I tanned so I wasn't pasty-looking," Danielle said. "It gave me a healthy glow."

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**SWEET SNEAK** Because he had extra frosting left, John Furkash, junior, looks around to see if anyone sees him sneaking a bite of frosting. John enjoyed sweets, but abstained from eating them because of the high sugar content. "If you ate it in moderation, it's alright, but it wasn't too healthy," he said. "I wasn't a big fan of sugar."

**TURNING HEADS** As the piercing artist cleaned and swabbed her cartilage, Sonja Vasic, senior, waits for the initial sting of pain. Sonja pierced her ear because she turned 18. "It really didn't hurt because I expected what it would feel like," Sonja said. "I just couldn't sleep on it."



no, what's going to happen?' I kept things safe and I kept my cool."

Students like Cristina played it safe, but the same couldn't be said of everyone. Different mediums of expression, like body piercing, allowed students to communicate their personality, according to Jordan Huckaby, sophomore. Though some considered it a form of art, piercing could be unsafe.

"It was a bad habit because it was dangerous," Jordan said. "If I got infected or got a disease, I'd be mad; but other than that, it was okay to do."

Students should, however, be more cautious in choosing the location for their piercing or tattoos, said Jordan.

"When I got mine done, I didn't care

where I got it, I just wanted it done," he said. "But my dad went there to get his piercing, so I knew it was safe."

Whether it was putting health in jeopardy or avoiding chance by maintaining a stable schedule, students dealt with risks on a daily basis. Though many teenagers didn't think seriously about the repercussions of their actions, others worried too much; but everyone had a different perspective, according to Jon.

"You had to take risks to achieve," Jon said. "You couldn't regret anything."

**QUESTION OF TIME** After sitting in Mr. Art Haverstock's science room that doubled as a detention center, Michael Damore, freshman, asks when he can leave. "I got that detention for mouthing off to my teacher," he said. "I thought that was my sixth or my seventh one." Mike said he was reprimanded for not bringing his book and being caught with a phone in class.



## LOADED SCHEDULE

From 4:45 to 12:00, the packed schedule depicts a way of life for Joey Belkairous, freshman.

4:45 Wake up  
5:25 Swim practice  
7:45 School  
3:30 Swim practice  
5:45 Go home  
6:00 Make dinner  
7:30 Do homework  
12:00 Go to bed

**LOSING CONTROL** Intently studying his literature book, Kevin Watson, junior, struggled to stay focused. "I hated having to read because it was really boring and after a while the words kind of blurred together," Kevin said.



**DOUBLE CHECK** Glancing at his agenda, Joey Belkairous, freshman, checked for homework. "I made sure to write down any homework so at the end of the day I'd remember what I needed," Joey said.



# UNDER PRESSURE —and Coping

"Every year I felt so much more stressed than the year before," Lazarick Whitlock, junior, said while struggling to carry two bulging bags. "I was scared for senior year."

After juggling a schedule of schoolwork, running track and maintaining a social life, Lazarick experienced more stress during his junior year.

Along with Lazarick, Katie Miller, freshman, learned the difference between the expectations in eighth grade and those set in high school.

"High school was more stressful than middle school," Katie said. "I had more homework to do and I was on the Dance Team, so I had less free time to get it all of it done."

Students involved in multiple activities had a more busy schedule than those with less to do. The full days required them to stay later after school, therefore, leaving less time for home-

work and studying. However, as the year progressed, students learned how to better manage their time.

"I didn't have any after school activities, so I just dealt with whatever stress I had from school by sleeping," Tom Bustalino, sophomore, said.

While sleep helped to relieve stress, students found talking to friends with similar problems beneficial, as well.

"In my classes I noticed kids talking about stress," Mr. John Huber, history teacher, said. "I hated to break it to them, but it only got worse."

Senior year came with the added stress of college applications, scholarships and moving on with life.

"I was finally stress-free when I made my college choice and it was second semester of my senior year," Lauren Meneghetti, senior, said.

Whether students were stressed

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Students struggle to find time in their busy schedules to balance homework, activities, social life

## TOUGH BREAK

Top five most common sports related injuries, according to Mr. John Doherty, head trainer.

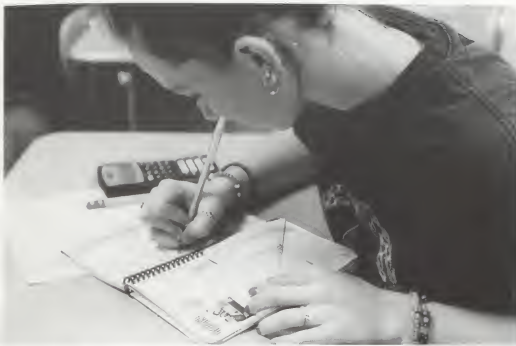
1. stress fractures
2. bruises
3. muscle strains
4. ankle sprains
5. shin splints

**NO PAIN, NO GAIN** Ridden with pain, Kristina Carlson, junior, tried to make it into the locker room with a severe leg cramp. "The stress of the long game combined with dehydration gave me the worst cramp I ever had," Kristina said. They defeated Michigan City, and Kristina's injury didn't affect her game.



**HARD PRESSED** By soldering copper, Paul Capriglione, senior, learns a new skill at his job at Ace Hardware. "It interfered with my schedule because I had less time to do my homework," Paul said.

**PENCIL IN** After finishing her math homework, Ivana Njegomir, junior, crosses it off her To Do list. "I always tried to get math done in study hall because I hated taking it home and doing it," Ivana said.

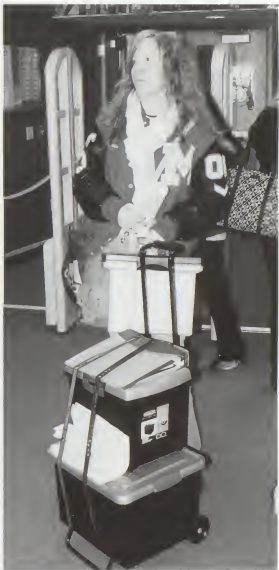


## ARE YOU STRESSED OUT?

- ☐ Are you involved in more than one activity?
- ☐ Do you work 10 or more hours each week?
- ☐ Do you get 6 or less hours of sleep each night?
- ☐ Do you feel overwhelmed by homework?
- ☐ Do you often fight with your significant other?
- ☐ Do you fight with your parents?
- ☐ Do you have trouble concentrating in class?
- ☐ Do you often have headaches?

*If you checked more than one of these, you probably are under an unhealthy amount of stress.*

adjusted from Seventeen Magazine



**PILED HIGH** With boxes in tow, Eleanor Kennedy, junior, prepares to leave for Debate State at Kokomo High School. "I had to do a lot of work to be at a high level for competition," Eleanor said. Extra effort showed in the end when the team placed second.

**MIX MASTER** Quickly completing an order, Emily Yaeger, senior, blends an iced coffee at Starbucks. "I worked a lot, so sometimes it was hard to do other things I wanted," Emily said. Aside from making drinks, Emily also cleaned up afterwards and worked at the cashier with customers.

**WASH UP** To perform on of her duties at the Salon On Ridge, Hilary Grunewald, senior, rinses a customer's hair. "Sometimes my bosses would get mad at me when I had to take off work for cheerleading," Hilary said. Hilary also answered phones, took money and colored hair.



#### ICE SCREAM, THEY SCREAM

During her shift at Dairy Queen, manager Marissa Gadzala, senior, tries to make a flawless sundae. "The job was stressful when customers complained," Marissa said. "If the ice cream melted in a hot fudge sundae, customers often called in to complain, but we could not help that the hot fudge was supposed to be hot."





**SHOW ME THE MONEY** To help the customer, John Strong, senior, collects her bill. As a waiter at Little Tokyo, John took orders and served meals. "Working at any restaurant with demanding people was tough because I had to keep everyone happy," John said.

**CASHING ACES** After waiting at the cash register, Erin McIntyre, junior, receives an anticipated customer. Erin found her job at Ace Hardware stressful, despite slow days. "Sometimes I saved homework for the day it was due," Erin said.

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about studying for Advanced Placement exams, working until 10 p.m. on school nights, or even what to wear out to the movies, students experienced new levels of stress.

After explaining special orders to chefs who barely spoke English, Tabitha Strong, junior, gained a new appreciation for language barriers while understanding the stress of jobs.

Tabitha worked as both manager and waitress at Little Tokyo, a Japanese restaurant, with duties of taking orders, seating customers, and counting money at the end of the night. As manager she had to ensure that everything ran smoothly and everyone stayed happy, which wasn't an easy task, according to Tabitha.

"I worked 6-hour shifts on Fridays, which was the busiest day," Tabitha said. "I had to keep a lot of things on my mind. I couldn't forget anything, so that was really stressful."

Also absorbed by waitressing, Samantha Torres,

senior, worked at Hartsfield Village on weekends. She found the job difficult to fit into her schedule, but enjoyable when meeting older people.

"On Saturdays and Sundays, which were the only days I worked, there was a lot to do at Hartsfield Village," Samantha said. "It was hard to get in enough hours with the sports I played and my schoolwork I had to do."

While Samantha had trouble making time for a job, Jimmy Mehok, senior, had time to spare. After his parents told him he had too much time on his hands, he decided to get a job. He started with his own lawn mowing service and then worked at the Saab dealership detailing cars.

"When I cut lawns, I got to choose my own hours, so it wasn't too stressful," Jimmy said. "However, I just had to keep up on my work at Saab because it could get stressful when I got behind."

Although jobs kept them busy and their lives hectic, students found cashing paychecks rewarding. After running around for hours, Tabitha's paycheck paid off in the end.



**Q&A**  
Chris Kennelly, senior

**Q: What was your business?**

**A:** "I had a computer programming, Web posting and Web development business. It was entirely through e-mail and phone conversations."

**Q: How did you start?**

**A:** "I pulled some of my money together and found people who needed web design assistance, so I helped them out. Then, I just continued to put money forth and my business expanded."

**Q: How could this help you?**

**A:** "It showed that I had interest in computers. I hoped it would help my chances of getting into the colleges I applied to. It was just a great way of making money. This way I had more experience of how businesses worked."

**Q: What was your future plan?**

**A:** "I planned to be a college professor teaching computer science. It would have kept me busy with interesting projects and research I wanted to do."

**Q: What skills did you learn?**

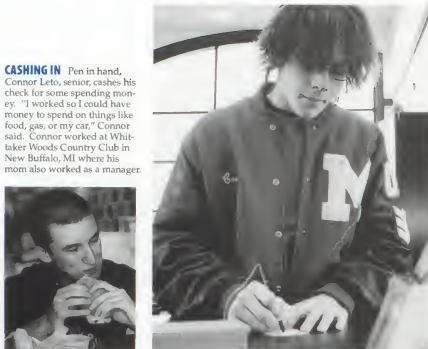
**A:** "This business taught me how to interact with customers in a business environment and how to make money. I learned about business management all the time."

**LEAN ON ME** Sitting in between classes, Milijana Lalic and her boyfriend Alex Avtgis, seniors, rested before her 4th hour government class. "Just relaxing together allowed us to talk about our stupid problems and laugh them off," Milijana said. The daily ritual was a highlight of her day.

**TAKE A BITE** With a bite of "The Big John" Mike Johnson, junior, chows down at Jimmy John's with friends Nick Morelli and Jack Standley, juniors, on a half day. "It was my favorite sandwich because it tasted really good, Mike said." Jimmy John's became the new favorite when it opened on Ridge Road, according to



**SEE THE LIGHT** Lighting a menorah and cradling a doll for Child Development class, Abby Farkas, celebrates Hanukkah. "I couldn't get [the baby] to stop crying so I had to hold it while I was lighting the candle." Child Development gave students a chance to experience motherhood firsthand.



**CASHING IN** Pen in hand, Connor Leto, senior, cashes his check for some spending money. "I worked so I could have money to spend on things like food, gas, or my car," Connor said. Connor worked at Whitaker Woods Country Club in New Buffalo, MI where his mom also worked as a manager.



## paying the PRICE

68

percent of students chose the gas station they patronized based on price

57.5

percent of juniors and seniors traveled to gas stations and bought gas using their own money

42.5

percent of juniors and seniors left the chore of filling up their car to their parents and let them pay for it

143 students surveyed March 3



prices according to gasbuddy.com

## pain at the PUMP

Fluctuation gas prices aggravated students and teachers

july	\$2.89	june	\$2.80
september	\$2.70	august	\$2.94
november	\$2.24	october	\$2.22
january	\$1.94	december	\$2.34
march	\$2.38	february	\$2.23
may	\$3.48	april	\$2.78



# three PERFECT days

With a sigh Eleanor Kennedy, junior, glared at the Advanced Placement Biology textbook and color-coded folders spilling out from her backpack.

Unable to stomach the thought of reading about the Krebs's Cycle, Eleanor grabbed her agenda to check what other homework she had.

"I always tried to finish the easiest homework first," Eleanor said. "I had so much homework and I couldn't remember it all unless I wrote it down."

Pulling out her U.S. History notebook, Eleanor began working on her chapter outline. Her thoughts drifted to the upcoming weekend.

"I lived for the weekends because it meant two whole days without tests or assignments," Eleanor said. "I used the time to catch up with friends, see a movie or sleep. Not having to

Weekends bring students relief after five days of school, but sometimes things don't always go as planned

wake up at 6 a.m. was a breath of fresh air."

Eleanor spent weekends without a schedule, while others used their 48 hours of freedom to do homework or punch in extra hours at work.

"I was busier on the weekends," Natalie Miyashiro, junior, said. "Especially in the winter, because I had basketball games, dance competitions and practice."

According to Matthew Boyan, sophomore, busy schedules left little time to relax and time at home served as the best way to unwind.

"I usually played video games with friends on the weekends," Matthew said. "If we went anywhere it was to Blockbuster or a restaurant. I barely left Lake County."

However, dents sometimes transformed coveted weekends into bad memories, according to Taylor Marcus, freshman.

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adding it up

**180**

total days in a school year

**4**

million four hundred thirteen thousand six hundred seconds in the school year

**2040**

minutes of school in a full five day week

**38**

total weekends in a school year

**57**

hours and 15 minutes of freedom from Friday afternoon to Monday morning

**ROCK STAR** To prepare for his future as a rock star, Allen Yee, senior, plays "Guitar Hero" with best friend Brian Wysock, senior. "We played every day. I would walk into his house when it was light out and I'd come out, I could see the moon," Allen said. The best song to rock out to was "Sweet Child of Mine," according to Allen.



**ACE OF SPADES** Straight faced with a good hand of cards, Mike Purchla, senior, plays Texas Hold 'Em with Jon Velchek, Josh Spiekhout, and Dave Fandl, seniors. "Poker was a great way to socialize," Mike said. "It was fun and a good way to make money."

**BEAR DOWN** After the Colts scored a touchdown, seniors Katelyn Laszlo, James Han, and Olivia Gersham lament the Bears loss. "I was glad that they made it to the Super Bowl," James said. "But as Ricky Bobby said, 'If you ain't first, you're last.'"

# three PERFECT with dents days

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"The problem was that we didn't drive," Taylor said. "It was hard to go anywhere if it was raining or snowing."

Weekends relieved stress that homework and commitments built, according to Eleanor.

"I didn't care what I did on weekends," Eleanor said. "Just as long as I wasn't at school."

## out of town

As the tepid sun was shining and temperatures reached 85 degrees, Debbie Wilcynski, junior, turned over her stomach to tan her back.

"The best thing about going to Florida over Winter Break was the weather," Debbie said. "You needed a break from being in the same place."

Instead of ringing in the New Year at home with family, Debbie flew to the Atlantic coast with her boyfriend and two other friends.

"It was easier to find stuff to do when I was with people my own age," Debbie said.

For every vacationer, there was a kid who sipped egg nog with family on Christmas morning, according to Mike Konopasek, senior, who spent his holiday in Kansas City.

"It was nice to get away from friends since we were with them all the time," Mike

said. "Christmas was a time for family togetherness."

Even with a multitude of Christmas gifts, thoughts of Munster and friends lingered in Mike's head.

"Even if Munster was the same old routine, I missed it because I kept thinking 'what am I missing?' After being with family, I needed to come home," Mike said.

Trips to Southlake Mall or Chicago helped time pass for students at home, according to Nick Stoffregen, junior.

"A lot of my friends stayed home," Nick said. "Since it was break, we went to the mall or downtown for the day. It was a fresh change for people who lived in a small town."

Combining time with family and friends proved the best way to spend the break for Bridget Parker, senior, who took a cruise from Florida with fellow seniors and their families.

"Our close group of friends and family made the trip a lot better," Bridget said. "The worst part about the cruise was knowing we had school the next week."

## all in the family

With their strict rules and curfews, parents could be a

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## packing list

What is the first thing you pack in your suitcase?

toothbrush ☐  
Ona Gbagi, senior

money ☐  
Chris Kolodziej, senior

swim suit ☐  
Matt Thompson, junior

teddy bear ☐  
Jill Magsaysay, freshman

shampoo ☐  
Robert Syler, sophomore

make-up ☐  
Lynlee Shutka, sophomore



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** In line at the new Jimmy John's, Jackie Kovach and Natalie Miyashiro, juniors, order sandwiches on a half day. "We went there because it was a new place and heard it

was good," Jackie said. "I thought that the sandwiches were good, I ordered the no. four turkey. Tom sandwich." Jimmy John's opened on Ridge Road the last week in December.







**TICK TOCK** As the seconds tick away in overtime, Adam Enright and Mike Gonzalez, seniors, pray that the basketball team holds onto their lead against Cary West Side in their first round sectional game. "I went to the games to support and cheer on my friends on the team," Mike said. The boys won the game 72-69, but were later defeated in the sectional championship against East Chicago Central.



**Tatiana Bozovic**  
junior



"When it was bad weather, it put me in a bad mood because it either messed up my hair or rained and got me soaked. One day I was walking into school and this car sped by and drove through a puddle that completely soaked me. I thought the weather in our area was pretty good. I liked having snow in the winter and hot weather in the summer. I couldn't live somewhere that was really hot all year long or cold all year round."



**BIG SPENDER** Finding a vintage necklace at "The Village," proves a good day for Cristina Vanko, senior. "I forgot all my stress when I made funky purchases," she said.

**SING-A-LONG** While listening to her iPod, Na'Lani Ravelo, senior, dances and sings to the beat. "I was born and raised in a musical environment, so it was in my nature to dance," she said.

**PAWING AWAY** Feeding a puppy, Neil Doshi, junior, reaches his hand inside the cage at the Humane Society. "The Humane Society gave animals that didn't have a place to go a home," Neil said. "The reward for knowing you are helping animals made me feel like a good person." Students chose different ways to volunteer for points in Project X.

**Megan Stacy**  
sophomore



"I hate the weather here because it's cold. I especially hate it when there's ice because I end up sliding all over the place and it's scary. My parents don't like me driving when the weather's bad, and that ruins my social life. The good part about the weather here is that it's not always the same. It affects clothing which can be fun. We get to wear coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts."

**John Jurkash**  
junior



"I played a lot of sports. When the winter rolled around, it was harder to catch my breath and my muscles get tighter so I had a higher risk of pulling a muscle. The winter just brought me down and I was not in as good of a mood as I would have been in the spring or autumn because it was nice and cool out. I didn't mind the weather in our area because I liked the medium we had. It was not hot all year round, but it's not always cold either."

**Bryan Sherman**  
senior



"I worked out of my car for a pizza delivery service and the snow made my job a hassle. I drove into a customer's reservoir backing out of their driveway because it was snowy and rainy. I misjudged the distance between the street and the ditch, and I had to be towed out. They tipped me seven dollars, and they still order from us, but they always remind us not to fall in that ditch again."



**wear winter**

**Hat**  
Carson's  
\$5

**Scarf**  
Carson's  
\$15

**North Face**  
The North Face Store  
\$89

**Gloves**  
Carson's  
\$10

**Bundled up.** Anneliese Hernandez, freshman, walks into school on a brisk January morning. "I like my North Face because it was warm and not bulky," Anneliese said.

**JUMP ON IT** At the Homecoming parade, Eric Anderson, junior, gives Shaheen Omery, senior, a high five after ringing the cowbell in support of the DECA float. "Having school spirit showed that you were actively involved in what was going on," Eric said.



**SMALL TALK** Just getting out of church, Jenny Romano, junior, converses with her family and some girl scouts. "It was good to have a religious background and go to church, especially with family," Jenny said. "If you didn't have family, you didn't have anything."



**BREAK THE NEWS** After Sunday mass at St. Thomas More, Jeff Reuter, senior, hands his customer a copy of *The Hammond Times*. "My regular customers bought the same thing every week, so I already had their paper ready when they came," Jeff said. Jeff sold newspapers at St. Thomas More since seventh grade.



## family <sup>ties</sup> three <sup>with dents</sup> PERFECT days

What was your favorite family tradition?

"Thanksgiving because I had never celebrated it in my home country, Venezuela. The whole family getting together and the food was different. It was nice."  
**Gabriel Behar**, senior

"Celebrating Indian festivals like Navarathri, when my family and friends got together. Everyone wore traditional Indian dress and had a good time."  
**Mythili Chintamani**, sophomore

"Going on vacation because at home life was chaotic. It was nice to get away and spend time together without worrying about school or work."  
**Sophie Griggs**, junior

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nuisance, according to Nick Fisher, senior. When a problem arose, however, they doubled as a source of relief.

In addition to his parents, Nick had his brother Jon, who had already dealt with high school issues. He found that it was a bonus having someone else to relate to.

"My brother dealt with a lot of the same things I was going through," Nick said. "I used him as a resource for help and advice."

Unfortunately for Nick, his brother attended IU and rarely saw him. The limited times he had with Jon were normally during breaks. Holidays were a good time to catch up, according to Nick.

Sarah Chowdery, junior, spent time with family during holidays in a different fashion.

"I celebrated different holidays than most people," Sarah said. "I usually went to the mosque to pray for most of the morning and then we celebrated with family and friends who lived in the area."

Because she did not have any family that lived close, Sarah occasionally went to New York to visit her closest blood relatives.

"My family always supported me," Sarah said. "But more than anything, they pushed me to do my best," Sarah said.

**HAPPY DANCE** In her kitchen, Rima Siddiqui, sophomore, dances with her four-year-old sister, Rimsha, at a family gathering. "I loved spending time with her and joking around with her," Rima said. "I loved seeing her happy."





**FIGHT CLUB** With a block to his trainer's punch, Mike Blizovkas, senior, works out with Terry at Transformations by Terry. "I worked out to get stronger for basketball," Mike said. "If I had a rough day I could forget about it there." Mike worked out at Transformations three times a week.

## top ways to relieve stress

listen to music  
hang out with friends  
watch TV or a movie  
go on the computer  
talk to friends  
take a nap  
play video games  
take a bath or shower  
eat  
exercise

143 students  
surveyed March 3

## five BABYSITTING

1. **Don't** feed them too much sugar
2. **Don't** give them anything small enough to fit into a nostril
3. **Don't** let them sneak into a bag of flour
4. **Don't** let them put mysterious objects into their mouth
5. **Don't** say anything R-rated

**SISTER ACT** While babysitting her little brother, Max, Jenna Tritsch, junior, reads his favorite book. "I babysat everyday after school and on the weekends," Jenna said. "I loved my baby brother but sometimes it got to be too much." Watching Max was fun when he was in a good mood, but when he was cranky, it was a long night, according to Jenna.



**FAMILY TIES** To finish off a typical Sunday, Lyndsay Hernandez, junior, and her family eat lunch at The Commander Restaurant. "I liked going there after church because it was a fam-

ily-oriented restaurant. It was the one day I spent quality time with my family." After sitting in church for a couple hours, her day is then completed with her favorite meal, the Julianne Salad.

## faced with consequences

"I got grounded for sneaking out of my house. I went to my friend Stephanie's house. She was having a party, so I went to help her clean up. [My parents] knew I snuck out but didn't call me. They waited until the next day and asked me, 'did you go out last night?' And I was like, 'no.' And they said, 'then why are your flip flops right outside the door and why is the door half way open?' They heard me go downstairs because the dog was barking. They grounded me for two weeks. I couldn't go out and I couldn't use the Internet. Plus the two weekends I was grounded for were my birthday and Homecoming. Luckily, they let me go to a Jessica Simpson concert after I begged to go. It wasn't even that good of a concert, but it was better than staying at my house while everyone else was at Homecoming."

Alex Frakes, junior

# within boundaries

With boundaries imposed from all directions, students find ways to work with and around the lines

## did you vote

Students voiced their opinions about the Nov. 7 House of Representatives elections and their views on voting

"My parents reminded me about it before, but I just procrastinated. Then voting day came, and I wasn't able to. I think voting was important because if you didn't, what was the point of having freedom of choice?"

**Abby Purcell**  
senior

"I didn't vote because I didn't feel that I was informed enough to make an educated decision that would reflect my true opinion. Maybe I should have made more of an effort to find out each candidate's policies. That was my job as a voter."

**Naveen Chahal**  
senior

"The one thing I remembered was going early at 6 a.m. because I couldn't go after school, and when my Mom said I was a first time voter, people swarmed me trying to help."

**Bridget Parker**  
senior

"I forgot to register but I wish I had. People should have known what was going on and vote in their best interest. If you didn't vote, you had no say."

**Jeff Chou**  
senior

As the night approached after the long Saturday morning, Rianne Abraham, sophomore, looked for an evening activity. After she and her friends couldn't find a place to go, Rianne turned to her last resort: her older sister, Riyona Abraham, senior. They decided to watch the movie *You Got Served*.

"Munster restricted what you could do," Rianne said. "We went to Schererville or Merrillville to find things."

When there wasn't a game or school dance, students found that social events in the town didn't exist. Other alternatives weren't always in reach, according to Chris Witter, junior.

While some students spent their time scouring the town for something to do, others stayed home downloading music, surfing the Internet and chatting on Instant Messengers.

Students didn't have the option of surfing the Internet at school at their leisure with limitations such as Bess, a program installed on school computers restricting access to any websites

that may have inappropriate content.

Along with Internet restrictions, school administrators banned recreational technology such as cell phones, digital cameras and iPods.

"Students tried to scam the system to their benefit. It was a technological evil we didn't have several years ago," Mr. Jack King, Assistant Dean, said.

Along with students' personal technology being banned, students lived with the inability to have food in the classroom. Instead of sneaking out of the cafeteria with a water bottle, Patrick Leuser, freshman, decided it was safer to drink from the water fountains.

"Water fountains were available during passing periods, I just took drinks then," Patrick said.

While gatorade bottles were hidden in back packs, students weren't always successful at hiding their grades. Par-

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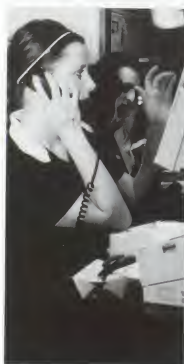
**SECURE LIFE** With his eyes on his cell phone, Jeremy Aponte, junior, text messages his girlfriend in Mr. Steve Lopez's U.S. History Class. Although the student handbook banned phones in school, students rebelled against the rule. "I mostly text messaged my girlfriend because it was how we communicated since she attended Lake Central," Jeremy said.



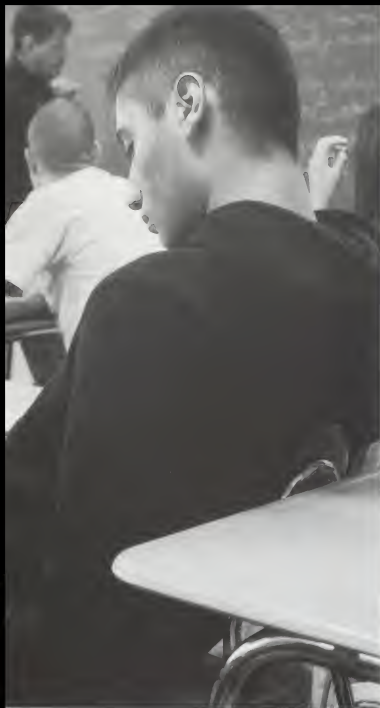
## RAINING CATS AND DOGS

As the rain pounds on his back, Larry Ford, sophomore, jumps into his dad's car. The heavy rain caused many flooded roads, which included the North parking lot. "The rain was a huge inconvenience and almost ruined my backpack," Larry said, "I was glad when it stopped."

**ON CALL** Rarely getting a chance to breathe, Liz Vaccendak, senior, answers the phone at Buffalo Wild Wings. "The worst part was working the day of the Super Bowl," Liz said. "There were about 50 carry-out orders an hour; the line was out the door." By working a part-time job, Liz had trouble balancing schoolwork with work.

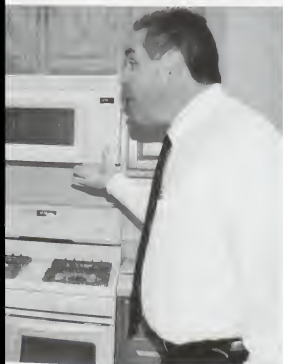






**HIDDEN EVIDENCE** After taking a quick sip, Danica Rodriguez, sophomore, puts her water bottle back. School rules outlawed food and drinks in class and on carpeted areas, but some students found ways to get around the rules. "I got thirsty in class," Danica said. "It wasn't like I could really have helped it."

**RIDE FOR ME** As the last bell rang, Kiyona Abraham, senior, waits for her sister Ry-  
anne Abraham, sophomore. "I always had to find her a ride," Kiyona said. "Whether picking her up or dropping her off; if no one else could, it was me." As the older child, Kiyona's family responsibilities included transportation.



**OUT OF TIME** As the kitchen light clicked on, Jose Delgado, freshman, knew he was busted. He stayed out late to finish a movie, making him late for his midnight curfew. "I had to work at my parents' office for three Saturdays," Jose said. "It sucked."

**HITCHING A RIDE** Waiting for the bus to leave, Adrian Gutierrez, freshman, listens to his iPod Nano. Many students were faced with the problem of transportation. "I couldn't wait until I was older," Adrian said. "Then I would never have to ride the bus again."

## UNLIMITED

Student's boundaries ranged from total freedom to life under lock and key

**Deanna Sylvester**  
15

**Freshman**

**Bedtime:** 10:30 p.m.

**Weekday curfew:** 9:30 p.m.

**Weekend curfew:** 11 p.m.

**Allowed to date:** Yes

**Transportation:** Gets rides with sister

"Because my sisters were older, they got more privileges than me. I wanted more freedom like them."



**Dan Kretz**  
17

**Junior**

**Bedtime:** None

**Weekday curfew:** None

**Weekend curfew:** None

**Allowed to date:** Yes

**Transportation:** Owns a car; '99 Mercury Cougar

"My parents trusted me so I had a lot of freedom. It also helped that I wasn't young anymore."



## within boundaries

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ents could monitor grades at home with Parent Connect, a program designed to give password-protected access to academic progress.

Along with the restrictions in the community and at school, students also faced boundaries at home.

Pat Pohrte, senior, was reminded of this when he looked at the neon green of his '95 Cutless Supreme's clock. It read 1:49 a.m. which meant he had 11 minutes until his curfew. Pat knew that his parents wouldn't forgive him for coming home late.

"If I came home after curfew," Pat said, "I likely would never get to see the light of day again."

According to Pat, his parents set his curfew his sophomore year and it has stayed the same ever since.

Although curfew limited many students, it wasn't the only thing that put boundaries on their lives. Limits set at home ranged from curfew and driving privileges, to academic achievement.

Some parents closely monitored students' grades via Parent Connect.

Sarah Chowdury, junior, could only participate in extracurricular activities

if her homework was done and she had A's in all of her classes.

"My parents were stricter than most," Sarah said, "I couldn't go out on weeknights, and I had to be home by 11 p.m. on weekends, and even that really depended on who I was with."

According to Matt Lipinski, senior, the good side of having limits was how they broadened as you grew up.

"I used to have lots of restrictions," Matt said, "My parents had mellowed out as I had grown older."

In addition to curfew and grades, transportation was a limiting factor in student's everyday lives.

Complications arose if a car wasn't available or a student couldn't drive. Some solutions for this problem included seeking out friends that own cars, calling parents for rides, or depending on siblings.

Pat had no problems finding transportation, and as his tires screeched to a halt in his driveway, the clock struck 1:58 a.m. He had made it back home just in time.

### RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

In an attempt to shield himself from the rain, Alex Welch, sophomore, runs inside. "The rain was so bad that my friends and I had to cancel our after-school football game," Alex said.



## privacy denied

With Parent Connect, parents had the ability to monitor their children's grades at home

60%	freshman parents used Parent Connect
95%	sophomore parents used Parent Connect
41%	junior parents used Parent Connect
85%	senior parents used Parent Connect

343 students surveyed Feb. 8



**GUARD DOG** Waiting for the bell to ring, Jerrett Tile and Matt Stewart, sophomores, talked to Ms. Valerie Pithum, math teacher, who was on lunch hall patrol duty. "We weren't allowed to go into North until the C lunch passing period ended," Jerrett said, "The B lunch bell schedule was hard to get down."

**KEEPING COVER** Dressed in a traditional Indian hijab, Aisha Siddiqui, senior, expresses her religion through an Indian hairpiece. The hairpiece set limits and rules for Aisha to follow. "We were not supposed to show our hair to guys," Aisha said, "Hair was apart of our beauty; it was saved for our husbands."





**STICKY SWEET** With a pinch to the skin, Ashley Speakman, senior, sticks a catheter in her stomach. The catheter connected to a tube that pumped insulin into Ashley's stomach. "It wasn't the diabetes I didn't like, it was being connected to the insulin pump," Ashley said. Insulin broke down the sugar in the food diabetics ate.

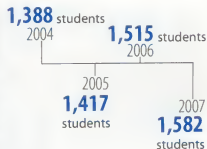
**LOCKER JAM** As he crouches down to find his assignments, Nick Yi, junior, looks through his cluttered locker. With limited space and having so many books, he was forced to try and make room in his locker. "I was bound to always forget something with so many books," Nick said.



**TIME CRUNCH** With only an hour to finish his homework before rehearsal, Adam Bobeck, sophomore, checks it over with Sara Galante, junior. Balancing theater and debate

## maximum capacity

New students arriving each year have caused the student body population to soar



according to past Paragons

left him with very little time to do his homework. "I got to the theater right after school so I didn't have to stay up late to finish," Adam said.

With the addition of six lines and new entrees, students find ways to make use of their 30-minute lunch period

# healthy choices up for grabs

## in the bag

What did you bring in a lunch from home?

PB&J  
six Oreos  
red apple  
bottled water  
*Jelena Grozdanich, freshman*

chicken salad  
lemonade  
green apple  
pickles  
apple sauce  
peanuts  
*Kyle Fox, sophomore*

turkey sandwich  
vanilla yogurt  
granola bar  
green grapes  
cherry gushers  
*Jenna Brakulis, senior*

PB&J  
BBQ chips  
fruity jell-o  
*Zack Curtis, senior*  
surveyed Feb.

Impatiently standing in line, adding her tapping foot to the noise of the lunchroom, Nora Kish, junior, awaited her turn for the few minutes left she would have to devour a meal.

"I didn't have any time to eat. Maybe that was why they made the portions smaller, so that maybe we could eat it in time," Nora said. "You waited more than half your lunch period to pay more and eat less."

Along with the new lunch menu came the raised prices, different sized portions and added lines.

"We had a lot more choices everyday," Mrs. Gwen Fabert, cafeteria server, said. "It gave students more options on a given day so that we could get through lines faster."

Six different lunch lines included Bistro Italiano, El Loco Sombbrero, Burgers and Beyond, Garden Spot and Beyond, Mustang Round-Up and Main Event Home-Style. The quest for the shortest lines left students searching for their favorite foods such as Pasta Bar and Homemade Pizza.

"I would've definitely increased the portions and paid the same price or decreased the price and get what we were getting," Justin Newman, junior, said. "I missed my Pasta Bar. It

was all you could fit on your plate for the price of every lunch in any line."

According to Mrs. Paulette Libak, Food Services Director, the cafeteria couldn't bring back the 120 lbs of Pasta Bar every Friday or Homemade Pizza. State law required that any portion served in the a la carte line must be served the same size portion in the regular lunch line.

While some students remained unsatisfied with the new lunches, others looked at it in a positive light.

"Lunch was faster and the lines were shorter, so you got more time to talk to your friends. Other people got the same thing all the time, so they didn't get a chance to go in the faster lines," Jessica Peach, junior, said. "I was also healthier. Outside of school, too, because it made me realize that a lot of the food I ate was junk."

The student complaints were not left unheard, according to Mrs. Libak.

"We tried to listen to some of the complaints, but some of them were unreasonable," Mrs. Libak said. "There was a student who demanded 'I want my fries. I want it my way.'"

Getting used to changes in the Food Court took some time, but students adapted to avoid starvation.



## cashing in all for the money

Higher lunch prices left students with holes in their pockets

70% of students thought lunch was overpriced  
30% of students thought lunch was fair

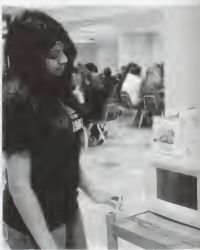
343 students surveyed Feb. 8

Price adjustments raised the cost of lunch by 25 cents

\$1.90  
\$2.50

Student Lunch

Adult Lunch





## calorie count

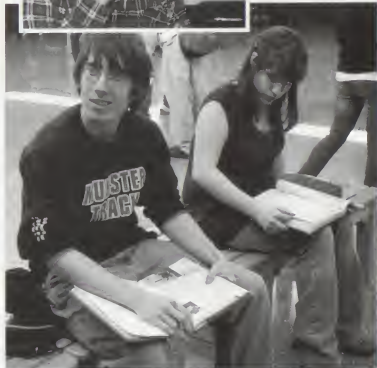
Lunch menu alterations offered students a wider variety and forced them to practice smart eating habits

Main Dish	Calories	Fat	Carbohydrates	Protein
Jumbo Burger	345 cal	30 g	1 g	17 g
Spicy Chicken	238 cal	15 g	12 g	13 g
Tuesday's Pasta	210 cal	1 g	42 g	7 g
Chicago Dog	360 cal	34 g	2 g	12 g
Real Slice Pizza	270 cal	8 g	31 g	15 g

according to Mrs. Donna Sopko, school nurse

**PICK AND CHOOSE** With Anna Guanzan, junior, seconding her selection, Dustin Pen-drick, freshman, chooses Buf-falo Bites hot lunch. "Lunch at the high school was so much better than the middle school because there were more choices," Dustin said. Although the price adjustments proved negative to some, the price was pretty reasonable, according to Dustin.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** Missing lunch to work on a German assignment, Adam Cooper, junior, opted to sit in the Commons instead of the noisy cafeteria. However, Ben Perkins, freshman, brought a bag of Dorito chips and a brown bag full of snacks. "The best part of lunch was being able to socialize and getting a break from everyday stress in class," Ben said.



**EAT AND RUN** Patiently waiting her turn at the end of the line, Taylor Brian, junior, can't keep her watery eyes off of the food. "I was really craving a pretzel and cheese that day, and that's exactly what they had," she said. As some students found their hot lunch sufficient, others decided bringing their lunch would make it easier. "The food at lunch wasn't the healthiest. It was a lot easier to bring one, so I didn't have to wait in a huge line." Anitha Umapathy, senior, said. After retrieving a tray full of food, Lori Hoffman, sophomore, converses with Stephanie Skertich, sophomore, over a healthy lunch. "I tried to eat the better stuff since it was good for you," Lori said. "It depended. I usually ate fattening stuff if nothing else was good." At the end of his lunch, Bret Keil, senior, throws the remnants in the trash. "I bought lunch because I had nothing good to bring from home."



With competition moving beyond academics, students find themselves succeeding in endeavors that impact everyday school life

# Rules of the game

**Raising the paint brush** in her hand, Megan Bonke, junior, continues her creation she submitted to the eXcel Award scholarship competition.

"I did art since I was little so I didn't have to strive for it," Megan said.

Megan submitted a self-portrait of herself and won districts for a Scholastics competition. It was the first time Megan had won an award for her work.

She entered the Excel competition because winning awards for painting was impressive, according to Megan.

"I needed a scholarship," Megan said. "It looked good on a college resume."

Students found other ways in competing for college recognition.

Kristy Anderson, senior, ranked number three in her class, considered school as a priority in her life.

"I really tried not to think about class rank too much," Kristy said.

To maintain high grades, Kristy and her friends formed study groups for classes like Economics and Calculus.

"It was good to have friends who were as hardworking as I was," Kristy said. "We helped each other out."

While Kristy concentrated on remaining academically competitive, students in Mr. John Huber's U.S. History class cooperated to win the Stu-

dent Government food drive.

Mr. Huber's class collected 2,535 cans of food for the homeless. As a reward, Mr. Huber made chili and brownies for an after school party.

"I used to compete in chili cook-offs," Mr. Huber said. "I made extra thick, extra fudge brownies."

The class discussed hunger in Indiana and the U.S. The conversation about people who went to bed hungry allowed his students to realize how much power they had to make a change, according to Mr. Huber.

"It goes back to my childhood in the '60s," Mr. Huber said. "I injected in the kids that you take 30, 300 or 3,000 kids and gave them the same goal, they were going to make a difference."

Students learned competition in school through contests. However, they found the competitive spirit extended outside of the school walls.

When the Chicago Bears played the  
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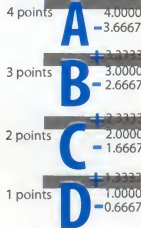
**LISTEN UP** While Mr. Steve Lopez's U.S. History class debated if the theory of Intelligent Design should be taught in school, Courtney Huckaby, junior, raises her hand to argue her view. "I raised my hand when I thought my opinion mattered," Courtney said.

**NOTHING BUT NET** Swiftly licking to the net, Kristina Carlson, junior, competes for a win against Michigan City. "It wasn't one of our harder competitors," Kristy said. "Michigan City isn't on the same level as us." The girls defeated Michigan City 7-0.



## New ranks

With students tying for ranks, the scale intensified for freshmen



**SEEING GREEN** To compete in an economics game, Andy Jonelis and Tammy Lee, seniors, flaunt their fake money in excitement. "I enjoyed that we took a break out of the everyday packets to play a game using what we were learning in class," Andy said.

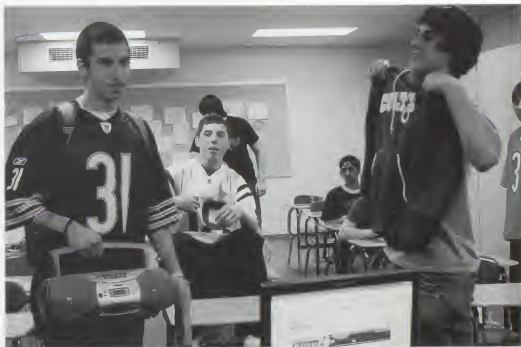


# 7 successful moments

As teams' reached milestones throughout the season, students see teams' accomplishments as measures of success

- 1. Winning *Battle of the Bridge***  
*Richard Meyers, senior*
- 2. Boys' Soccer going to Regionals**  
*Angelina Mandic, freshman*
- 3. Eric McGill winning State twice**  
*Tim Qualls, junior*
- 4. Boys' Cross Country running at State**  
*Nick Brown, senior*
- 5. DECA sending 58 members to State**  
*Jacob Gerber, senior*
- 6. Boys' Basketball Team winning the Conference Tournament**  
*Matt Gaskey, sophomore*
- 7. Beating Hammond High in the Homecoming game**  
*Jon Velchick, junior*

**TEAM PRIDE** Blasting music in Mr. Jonas Wertin's English 11 class, Cam Selent, senior, shows his Bears pride for the Super Bowl XLII game to Colts rival Joe Abu-Aita, junior. "I wore Bears attire to school so people knew the Bears were the best," Cam said.



**SECRET RECIPE** As the aroma of brownies and chili permeate through the room, Mr. John Huber, English and U.S. teacher serves his class for winning the food drive. His class accumulated 2,536 canned goods. "I think it's important for the students to know they can make a difference," Mr. Huber said.

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** With districts near, Cate Lee, Colnroosh Kamali, Mara Maddock, and Austin Piech, seniors, practice their We The People presentation in front juniors. "Our first competition was Districts," Cate said. "We needed Districts to get to State, and Indiana is a very competitive state in We The People."

# Top of the class

Top students Desiree Cossyleon and Elena Falloon, prove that hard work means more than a number

**NAME:**

Elena Falloon

**RANK:**

Salutatorian

**FAVORITE CLASS:**

We the People

**CAREER GOAL:**

Journalist

**MOTIVATION:**

Aunts

**BEST MEMORY:**

writing speeches with Mr. Mike Gordon

**COOL FACT:**

allergic to frosting

**TIP FOR SUCCESS:**

"Don't give up on something. Through hard work, your efforts were rewarded."

**NAME:**

Desiree Cossyleon

**RANK:**

Valedictorian

**FAVORITE CLASS:**

We the People

**CAREER GOAL:**

Neurophysiologist

**MOTIVATION:**

Parents

**BEST MEMORY:**

watching presentations in Mrs. Renee Kouris's English 11 Class

**COOL FACT:**

wanted to take ballroom dancing classes

**TIP FOR SUCCESS:**

"Make sure that you always stayed focused on your goals."

**LOVE OF MUSIC** Concentrated on her bowing technique, Desiree Cossyleon, senior practices the viola.



**TUNING IN** As an active student, Elena Falloon, senior, tutors Nick Stoffregen, ju-

nior, in Physics. Elena helped students every Tuesday and Thursday during contact time.



**TIME FOR GIVING** With Christmas time near, Lauren Hudak, senior, hands toys to Elissa Moll, senior, for the Mustang Toy Roundup. "It was successful and it was a huge incentive for kids who got extra credit," Lauren said.

**CAN-DO ATTITUDE** Engulfed in cans, President Joey Domenico and Vice President Kate Varnum, seniors, arrange canned food for the food drive. "I thought it went really well," Kate said. "We had the most food donations ever."





# Rules of the game

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Indianapolis Colts in the Superbowl, fans sported either Bears' blue and orange or Colts' jerseys to display their team loyalty and pride.

Amongst students and teachers supporting the Bears, Matt Norworyta, sophomore, stood out while dressed in his white Colts jersey.

"I had been a Colts fan since third grade," Matt said. "I predicted the score would be 34-17, which was close," Matt said. "The Colts defense wasn't that good, but the offense was, so I knew they would put up more points."

Matt won his bet and celebrated his team's win, but the final score upset Anitha Umapathy, senior.

"When the bears got a touchdown in the first five minutes of the game, I thought it was in the bag," Anitha said.

Although the bears lost, Anitha respected their effort during the season.

"They were the National Football Conference (NFC) Champs and made it to the Super Bowl," Anitha said.

"After 22 years, that was something to be proud of."

Success, like the Bears' NFC title and senior, Desiree Cossyleon's Indiana University's (IU) Wells Schol-

arship, resulted from years of hard work and patience.

Desiree attained the distinct honor because of her high grades and extra-curricular involvement. It consisted of a full ride, living stipend, all expense paid trip to study abroad, and an independent research grant.

"You couldn't describe something that you weren't expecting at all," Desiree said. "[Getting the scholarship] was like walking into a surprise birthday party. I was at a loss of words."

Desiree's parents kept her working hard in high school, which in turn helped her achieve Valedictorian status.

"My motivation was my parents," Desiree said. "They had to start from scratch, so I never questioned my duty to maximize my potential."

Desiree's achievement surprised Mrs. Nora Cossyleon.

"There were so many students and I felt the chances were slim," Mrs. Cossyleon said. "I was just happy that she went through the experience."

According to Desiree, the ability to conduct research and experience global opportunities at IU excited her.

"It was difficult to compare IU to other universities," Desiree said. "There were things at IU you couldn't get anywhere else."

**EMBRACE AND EXCEL** With a block of free time, Megan Bonke, junior, covers her paintbrush. Megan used her talent and created a painting she submitted to Excel Award for college recognition. "I entered to get a scholarship and this one was a very prestigious one," Megan said.

## College bound

With pamphlets overflowing mailboxes, students figure out which college fits their academic needs.

**11.81**

percent of students want to attend **Purdue**

**14.93**

percent of students strive for **Indiana University**

**30.21**

percent of students wanted to attend college in a **different state**

**58.68**

percent of students **have decided** which college to attend

**41.32**

percent of students label themselves **undecided**

**0.02**

percent of students **do not plan** to go to college

288 students surveyed Feb. 8

### MEASURING TO THE TOP

Tape measure marking the spot, Jeff Chou, senior, helps build the beam of the horses body during Homecoming float building. "It was fun because the Senior Class was there," Jeff said.

### STRIKING IN

Receiving a plaque for raising over \$2,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), Eric Anderson, junior, observes the team's award at the DECA Bowl-a-Thon. "We have done it for over 20 years," Eric said.

# Like CLOCKWORK

bodies filed into school Aug. 21, to begin cramming brains with information as 7:45 a.m. bell rang. Students dragged their feet to class like zombies until the final bell rang at 11 a.m. June 1.

**Maybe that's what you think. Students finalized Black Out or White Out attire for the Boys' Basketball Team as they made their way to the East Chicago Sectional Championship and the Boys' Soccer Team's Semi-state run. Unique personalities made the days go by quickly. Señor Paul LaReau's Spanish 4 class watched Nick Stoffregen, junior, drool on a desk as he acted like a dinosaur for 15 minutes for random fun.**

Fun in school? Students stared into space during lectures about nuclear fission as their thoughts drifted to dances. Why would students spend a fortune only to find themselves amongst a sea of bodies with no room to breathe?

**Not this year. Too many bodies in too little space forced the Homecoming and Turnabout dances to move to the Fieldhouse. Prom even had to find a new home at the Halls of St. George to accommodate the growing population.**

I guess you're right... From ISTEP testing to June 3 graduation, the year moved like clockwork.

## likeable reads

Tips on how to survive the 10 academic departments and make it through high school unscathed **page 36**

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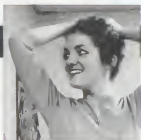
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■ ■ With a loop tool, Jennifer Novasel, sophomore, adds detail to her vase in Ceramics 2. Students had to decorate their pieces using an Italian Renaissance theme. "It was fun going on the wheel and learning how to make different clay sculptures on it," Jennifer said. ■ ■ On Nerd Day during Homecoming week, Bret Kell, senior, waves to his friends in the north hallway. Because administration disapproved of Toga Day, seniors wore suspenders and taped their glasses for Nerd Day, which became a highlight of Spirit Week, according to Bret. ■ ■ In 3rd hour College Level Business, Olivia Enger, senior, puts her hair up to move the curls away from her eyes. "My hair was a mess," Olivia said. "It was distracting during class if your hair came out of your ponytail."

**TAKE IT BACK** With a congratulatory pat on the back, Matt Goodman (17), sophomore, supports his teammate Anthony Huard (14), freshman. "When someone scored, they should be congratulated," Matt said. "It let them know they were doing something right and it encouraged them to keep doing it for the team."



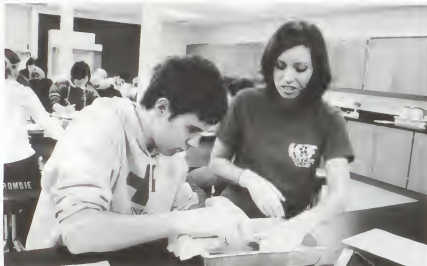
## bending time

To work on her time line project, Britney Zahner, junior, leads her group by example. "We learned time periods in Miss Siegers earth science class," Britney said. "It was fun because we got to work in groups so it let us get to know each other better," she explained.



## all cut up

While in Zoology, Kevin Donahue and Marissa Sylvester, seniors, cut into a dog fish. Students in Zoology learned the anatomy of different animals through dissection. "Marissa was really squeamish, so I did most of the work, but she still helped a lot," Kevin said.



## make like a tree

Creativity provided an outlet as a form of expression for Jimmy Dye, senior. "We painted pictures of trees and cars. It was easy because I liked drawing," Jimmy said.

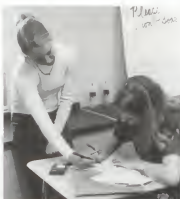
## without question

Hand raised, Suchita Rastogi, junior, waits to be called on in Advanced Placement U.S. History. "You had to take a lot of notes and ask lots of questions to do well," Suchita said.



## stand corrected

With a red pen, Mrs. Lisa Valent, math teacher, helps Julia Groszek, freshman. "I pin pointed where their problem was," Mrs. Valent said. "Then, I simplified it for them."



## In hot water

As the temperature in the bottle continues to rise, Elodie Enger and Taylor Roy, freshman, wait. "I worked better when I had a friend as my lab partner," Elodie said.



## Music

"For choir, you had to drink lots of water. I always brought a water bottle to class and concerts. We practiced a lot so you had to drink to keep your throat in good shape."

—Kim Wiers, senior

## Phys. Ed

"Having friends in gym made it so much easier because you would know everybody on your sports team. It helped me get through gym and made it not so boring."

—Ellie Boston, freshman

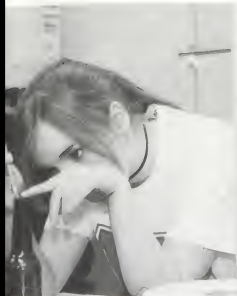
## Painting

"I brought a good CD early to class so that I was in the "R" mode, the right side of your brain. I listened to mostly Modest Mouse, Ratatat or Explosion in the Sky because they were mostly instrumental."

—Steve Kerber, senior







#### a pot in time

A Native American pot allows Tyler Drabenstot, junior, to experience culture firsthand. "It was a good break from everyday learning. It gave a hands-

on way to learn about different cultures," Tyler said. Across from the artifacts, Jim Hunt, junior, listens to Mr. John Huber as he explained what the objects were used for.



LEARNING THE

# ROPES

From swimming in Physical Education to researching global warming for Mrs. Kouris' English 11 class, students find ways to survive academic rigors to make it through graduation

**A**s the last few minutes of Mrs. Katie Harris' 6th hour Geometry class wound down, Emma Grdina, freshman, breathed a sigh of relief. She had three tests to study for the next day and luckily, Mrs. Harris allowed the class to play review games for their upcoming test instead of spending the time doing worksheets.

"Learning was completely pointless if you weren't having fun," Emma said, "I guess I would have been able to handle it if school was just straight up learning, but I wouldn't have actually wanted to learn like I do now."

Students like Emma felt that having fun within the classroom was a necessary element in surviving some classes.

According to Mrs. Linda Lemon, English teacher, a balance of work and play helped students stay focused during class.

"In the world we lived in, it was necessary to have fun," Mrs. Lemon said. "Fun in learning was like having frosting on a cake. You could have cake without frosting, but it's just that it wasn't as enjoyable."

Another teacher who taught along the lines of food was Mrs. Patricia Premetz, math teacher. Mrs. Premetz planned a lesson using M&Ms when she taught her classes about Exponential Growth. The students used 100 M&Ms each.

With teachers and students working their hardest to keep fun in the classroom, students were able to relax and have fun with their studies, according to Courtney Hoyle, sophomore.

"I enjoyed school," Courtney said. "As long as there was fun in the classroom, I didn't mind coming here every day."

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## Business

"I took lots of notes and paid attention during class. There wasn't anything major you needed to survive but it was always good to pay attention."

—Stephanie Baker, sophomore

## Child Development

"You needed your friends to help with the baby in that class. They would watch the baby when I had a breakdown because it wouldn't stop crying."

—Tashi Damjanovich, junior

## Chemistry

"If you didn't bring your notebook to chemistry you were in trouble. We took notes almost every day and had to put in log entries. It stunk when you had to recopy notes you missed."

—Jon Sobilo, sophomore

## French 5

"French 5 wasn't so much about book work as it was conversation. Participating and thinking through was what got you through the class. It was actually pretty easy."

—Amanda Bacoyanis, senior

# LEARNING THE ROPES

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As the sun set earlier each night and the end of the summer rang near, students ran to Walgreens, Meijer, and Target to purchase black pens and loose leaf paper in preparation for the new school year.

When freshmen stepped out of their parents cars or the school bus, some nervously clutched their trapper keepers, ready to traipse through the halls and search for their assigned classrooms, according to Sarah Sikora, freshman.

"The first day of school was really nerve-racking," Sarah said. "I came from St. Thomas More and it was so small. Once I got here it wasn't so bad, but it was a lot bigger."

The long hallways that divided the school from North to South proved to be a universal concern for the youngest students who didn't know which way to go.

"Walking so far from each class was the hardest thing to get used to," Sarah said. While the seniors screamed '07' during homecoming and the rules were set for no hazing, the freshman sighed a breath of relief for the first time during the school year.

"The older kids already went through a year of experience," Sarah said. "The worst part about being a freshman was just knowing you were a freshman and every time you'll be in

class, people would go 'oh, you're a freshman.' And that made it harder to adjust."

The combination of students from Wilbur Wright, St. Thomas More, and St. Pauls' led to the second biggest class with 408 students.

The variety of students led freshmen to realize that their closest friends may not be in the seat next to them as they begin the new semester.

"Getting used to school was pretty easy because of my closest friends," Sarah said. "They were going through the same thing that I was going through. The only bad thing was that I hardly saw them, but it was also a bonus because I got to meet so many new people."

A change in curriculum led the middle school graduates struggling to keep grades up with the different departments, according to Sarah.

"I paid attention in all my classes to keep my grades up and made sure that I studied a few days before the tests," Sarah said.

Not only did Sarah's friends boost her energy throughout the school year, but being part of the swim team also proved to be helpful.

With a laugh and a skip, Sarah returned to 4th hour Spanish I class with Miss Meghan Bialas where she sat with her new friends and ended the day on a good note.

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## tasting the chance

On a warm day, Bennet Cerivan, senior, talks with Mr. Don Fortner, economics teacher, about their supply and demand minibooks. "The philosophy behind economics was interesting," Bennet said.

## rule of thumb

With the help of Lisa Weichman, senior, Errol Cebrian, senior takes measurements in Advanced Placement Statistics. "We took measurements around the room and then graphed them," Errol said.

## look ahead and sing

Microphone in hand, Paige Patterson, sophomore, sings karaoke in Theater Arts. "It really lived up to the day to have Theater Arts," Paige said. "I had it 6th hour so it gave me something to look forward to."





**sum it up**  
Huddling into a group with her teammates, Elena Falloon, senior, talks strategy while playing a game in her economics class. "Games provided more application than just studying paper," Elena said.

## Government

"Government was a crazy class because Mr. Smitka was crazy. He talked a lot so you had to get involved. Never fall asleep in class and pray another student doesn't look the same as you because he'd mix you up."

—Allen Yee, senior

## Health Issues

"I tried to stay awake in that class. That was the hardest part. I usually took out homework from other classes. It made you drowsy because it was 6th hour and I got tired at the end of the day."

—Crystal Garibay, junior

## Accounting

"It helped that I worked in an accounting firm. It wasn't as hard as it would've been if I hadn't, but it was a pretty easy class overall."

—Ethan Hansen, sophomore

## English 9

"I worked hard and studied a lot. I took good notes and used the time during class for studying. I reviewed all worksheets and notes."

—Alex Doctor, freshman



### bridge over trouble

Lightly lowering the bucket in physics, Mitch Hanak and Greg Fehlau, sophomores, move slowly: "Projects were more fun than just studying out of a book," Mitch said. Mitch and Greg's bridge held 20 kg before it fell.



### mix master

Mixing batter for Foods and Fitness, Gabriel Behar, senior, prepares himself for the next task. "I liked the class a lot because it was easy and I had it 6th hour so it was a relaxing way to end the day," Gabriel said.

### sum it up

After lifting up her board, Dedra Capriglione, freshman, shouts out the answer during a math review game. "Playing games for extra credit motivated me to learn more," Dedra said.

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Listening intently, Chan Huynh, senior, waited for Mr. Mike Gordon, government teacher, to ask her a multi layered government question. In just two days, Chan would be competing in her first We the People competition.

"Mr. Gordon asked us practice questions about laws, government policies and history to prepare," Chan said. We the People proved to be rewarding, according to Chan.

"[We the People] was a ton of work," Chan said. "But I got through it once I realized how much I was learning. I started the class knowing nothing about government, and after just a few months I was quoting political philosophers and scientists as if I had done it all my life."

Despite suffocating pressure and intimidating stereotypes, students found ways to survive the departments.

Contrary to terrifying tales of Mr. Jeff Graves' Chemistry class, the 'big scare' hardly rattled his nerves, according to Rohan Warriar, sophomore.

"Upperclassmen told me Chemistry was hard," Rohan said. "I didn't see what the big deal was. I thought it was fun."

Mr. Graves' entertaining personality added to the class' liveliness, according to Rohan.

"Mr. Graves was always joking around,"

Rohan said. "Whatever the context was, he could find a way to make a joke out of it."

However, teachers didn't provide the only relief in the classroom.

"My lab partner helped me out a lot too," Rohan said. "He was really smart."

However, no assignment beat the 'traumatizing agony' of the research paper, according to Justin Newman, junior.

"Seniors told me how hard the research paper was, but I thought it was worse," Justin said.

Students spent an entire six weeks researching, outlining, and writing note cards for sourcing, according to Justin.

"In Mr. Werten's class, we had to write 50 note cards, but others had to write 150." Justin said.

Despite the hours researching and writing, Justin found a way to survive.

"I tried to pace myself and organize my ideas," Justin said. "I ended up doing a decent job."

Somewhere beneath the hours of studying and piles of homework, students saw the silver lining and proved their endless effort worthwhile.

"In the end the hard work, crazy hours and the random breakdowns were worth it," Chan said. "I got to 'think outside of the box,' step out of my comfort zone and push myself to learn."

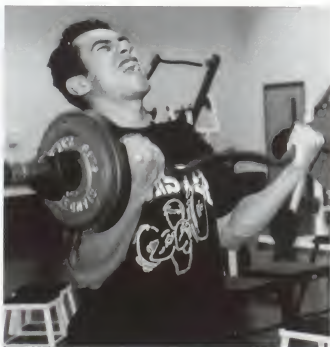


#### crunch time

Pen in hand, Grant Traxler, freshman, works on his Spanish homework before school. "I looked over the vocab and the different ways to conjugate verbs," Grant said.

#### raise the bar

Working out in Weight Training, Jonathon Eloisa, junior, lifts for a stronger body. "I was curling 85 lbs. I worked to the best of my ability so I could get bigger, stronger, faster and sexier," Jonathon said.







#### bow to the king

In Honors World Literature, Ryan Golt, senior, recites lines from *Oedipus Rex*. "We went to JoAnn Fabrics and bought the supplies," Ryan said. "I added the fur for facial hair to make it look more realistic."

#### drawing the line

With a mark on the spot where they thought the weight would land, Tieg Alexander and Sarah Spolink, juniors, measure to the nearest tenth. "Our prediction was third closest to where the weight dropped," Tieg said.



## Engineering

"You needed music to get through. I liked bringing an iPod and comfortable clothes to kick back. Another thing was to hook Mr. Davidson up with Mountain Dew because that was all he drank. That's how I got a good grade."

—Bryan Wysock, senior

## Trigonometry

"You had to take a lot of notes and not miss a single day because if you got far behind, you stayed far behind. So I would come in during class and after class to get extra help. If that didn't work, I'd ask my friends for help."

—Megan McKechnie, junior

## German 3

"I talked to other German students outside of class and sometimes we would subconsciously switch to speaking German so that was great practice."

—Adam Bobeck, sophomore

## Spanish 2

"I practiced with my sister Mimi and I made flashcards for vocab and always did my homework. I would sometimes turn on the Spanish channel on the TV and the radio."

—Jelena Grozdanich, freshman



#### look it up

Eyes on her dictionary, Courtney Huckaby, junior, looks for a definition for her debate on intelligent design. "I thought my group presented our points well and did the subject justice," Courtney said.

#### waiting on the side

As Nora Kish, junior, works on her photography project, Alana Phelan, junior, patiently waits until she's done. "I was waiting after school for Nora," Alana said. "She had to work on that for a while."

#### for crying out loud

While playing a game in Economics, Anitha Umapathy, senior, holds an 'X' card to her forehead. "It was a refreshing change of pace to play games in class," Anitha said.

### cross check

Assignment notebook opened, Angie Toth, junior, writes the day's assignments during Study Hall. "I used my agenda when I had a lot of homework to do and tests and quizzes," Angie said. "I couldn't remember everything, and writing it down helped me out."



### messy pair

After stopping at her shared locker to retrieve a book, Amanda Zimmerman, junior, shares a laugh with Jessica Cuadra, junior. "I liked sharing a locker," Amanda said. "It was a way to see my friends during the day. We were messy all together, but individually kept organized."



### help line

An empty classroom in front, Mr. Marc Lehnerez, English teacher, updates his Homework Hotline message. "It was a way to communicate with the students and parents on what went on in class," Mr. Lehnerez said.



### punch it in

With a lack of busy work during class, Ryan Slosser, senior, gets caught up with organizing his Economics binder. "Binders were easier to keep papers organized and readily accessible," Ryan said. "They didn't break like folders."

### bending the rules

Chalk in hand, Amanda Schultz and Elena Falloon, seniors, review supply and demand outside for Economics. "Learning outside helped me grasp the new concept," Amanda said. "Plus, we got to take advantage of the nice weather."

# taking it **piece** by **piece**

**O**n her way to Spanish class, Alexis Jeter, senior, looked down at her arms and noticed her green Honors Sociology notebook was where her pink Spanish one should be. She doubled back to her locker and retrieved the correct material needed for her class.

Alexis found that color-coding her notebooks, folders and book covers, allowed her to manage her academic life.

"I was not the type of student that put all my papers in my backpack and hoped I found them the next day," Alexis said.

Planning to study psychology in college, Alexis also went beyond organizing her school materials and organized her class schedule with courses helpful to her in the long run.

"I took classes I knew would eventually help me in my major," Alexis said.

However, not all students shared Alexis's philosophy. Matt Gehrig, sophomore, as a new freshman, lead a cluttered first year followed by academic consequences.

"My first year I threw things in my backpack," Matt said. "I would lose homework assignments and find them weeks later at the bottom of my backpack."

As sophomore year approached, Matt took control of his situation. He labeled his folders and notebooks rather than color code.

Using Alexis's plan, Matt also chose courses that matched his engineering and architectural interests, fields he wished to study.

"I chose classes according to what I wanted to do with my future," Matt said, "meaning more math, construction processes and engineering classes."

As students finalized their schedules, they discovered classes that required different school supplies outside of what they normally used.

"I knew I needed a big binder and calculator for chemistry because my older friends warned me," Molly Shiwa, sophomore, said.

With six different classes requiring a variety of materials, staying organized proved difficult for Molly's particular case.

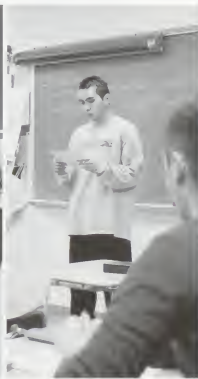
By the end of the day, Alexis stopped by her locker to collect her notebooks and folders.

Matt packed his now uncluttered backpack and Rachel reminded her self to rely on more than her notebooks. Students used these individual systems of organization to get through the rigors of high school.

"Organization is the key to good grades," Molly said. "If buying six different colors of folders get me an 'A,' I'll do it."

## slice of life

Looking at her lab partner, Cara Briggs, senior, dissects a squid in Zoology. "I let my partner do all the work because I wasn't a fan of dissecting," Cara said. "I just held an instrument and made it look like I was actually cutting."



## taking a stand

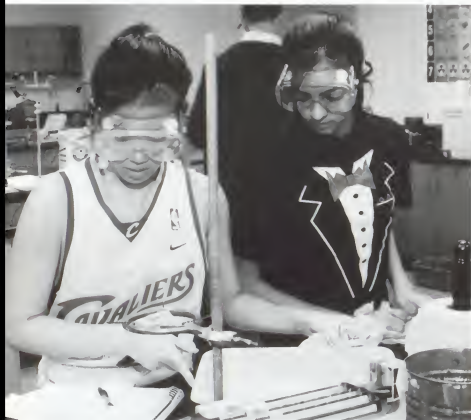
Carefully considering her words, Allison Medina, junior, explains her mask during psychology. Allison chose items important to her and which would remain important. "I told the story behind my objects," Allison said. "The majority of my things were from Italy. I had lots of family there and my heritage is important to me." Note cards in hand, Jonathan Eloisa, junior, expresses his view on the theory of intelligent design during U.S. History. Jonathan believes that by studying the topic ahead of time he discussed his opinion efficiently. "Note cards were smaller and discrete," Jonathan said. "I only put my main topics, so I didn't need to put everything down to remember it." Fitting in time, Jeff Heintz, senior, races against his peers to earn extra credit in a trigonometric puzzle game during pre-calculus.

### measure time

Goggles protecting their eyes, sophomores Sara Kasamimari and Supriya Shah weigh a sulfur solution in Chemistry. With 53 minutes, the girls had to balance their time to finish the lab. "We both had a job to do in the lab and we used our time sufficiently," Sara said.

### morning crunch

Whether it was during the morning or after school, students found time away from home to finish their school work. Using Contact Time to her advantage, Whitney Freeman, freshman, completes her homework before the buses arrived. "I got to do my homework, so I didn't have a lot to do at home," Whitney said. Contact Time assisted students with help from teachers and time to finish their schoolwork. Hidden in the corner, juniors Jenna Tritsch and Max Tratar study for tests before first hour. "I reviewed for tests in the morning so it was fresh in my head," Jenna said. Quickly rushing before the morning bell, Gabriela Cornejo, sophomore, finishes her English homework. "I left my easier homework in the morning so I could do my harder assignments at home," Gabriela said.

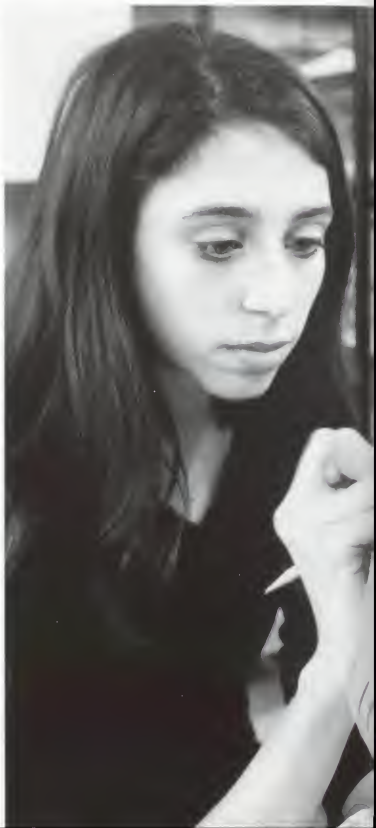


### free at last

Arms stretched and enjoying the weather, Justine Leonakis, junior, steps out of school for a fire drill. "I liked that we could go outside," Justine said. "Whether it was cold or not, it was nice to be out of school."

### all in the details

Loop in hand, Jennifer Novosel, junior, carves a design on her Italian Renaissance pot. "I never actually wanted to be an artist," Jennifer said. "I just did it for fun." The pot took Jennifer five weeks to finish.







#### think out loud

Before starting his speech, Jordan Huckaby, sophomore, gathers his thoughts. "We did a speech about somebody we admired, so I chose my uncle," Jordan said. Speech was Jordan's favorite class.

#### out of the box

While Danielle Stone, senior, measures the string, Sam Meier, senior, pokes holes in the box in Earth and Space class. "I found hands-on learning a really good tool for learning the subject," Danielle said.



## carving out enough time

As the clock hit 9:30 p.m. in his dimly lit bedroom, Nick Stroffegen, junior, headed off to bed. With his homework completed, Nick accomplished his daily goal of heading to bed before 10 p.m. Through time management and organization, Nick separated his work and social time.

"I didn't go home and watch TV for three hours," Nick said. "I did my homework and that was what worked for me. If you had a lot to do, you were more efficient with your time."

Taking all Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Nick utilized his time with Study Halls, while Anisha Rastogi, junior, used Contact Time to balance her extracurricular activities and school work. Contact Time helped students receive help from teachers, socialize with friends and finish assignments.

"[Contact Time] helped me catch up on my homework," Anisha said. "I needed that extra down time, and I could get an extra half hour of sleep at home because I usually went to bed around 12 a.m. every night."

Barely getting a chance to sit down, Anisha's extracurricular activities, including Speech, Mixed Ensemble and Ping-Pong Club, made balancing time difficult. However, with procrastination out of the picture, Anisha maximized her time between extracurriculars and

her school work with planning.

While Anisha and Nick organized their time, Matt Lipinski, senior, spent his time on the opposite end of the spectrum.

When Matt entered his senior year, he suspected he would get lazy and have to battle the infamous "senioritis," but he did not expect to succumb to the fake disease.

"I found myself procrastinating very often," Matt said. "Rather than doing homework or studying for a big test, I wanted to have fun with my friends, especially second semester."

With the exception of big projects or papers, he chose to wait until the next day to do most of his homework, according to Matt. He used his early classes or Study Halls to finish assignments the day they were due. In addition to laziness, Matt's work schedule also conflicted with his schoolwork.

"After I got home from work, I didn't want to do anything, so I usually just did my assignments the next day during school," Matt said. "Sometimes it cost me because I didn't finish everything. I never felt like doing anything ever. Senioritis definitely took over my life."

While Matt set aside homework to play *Counter Strike: Source* till 1 a.m. with other night owls, Nick pulled the covers over his head and prepared for a full nights rest.

## tech talk

### Wifi:

device that allowed wireless Internet access when in proximity of a router.

### USB Flash Drive:

A small, removable device that can store as much as 32 megabytes to 64 gigabytes of information on it.

### BlueTooth:

A specification for devices such as cell phones, laptops, and digital cameras that enables them to exchange information using short-range radio frequencies.

### MP3:

An audio-specific compression format that takes up less space.

### in the slot

As the minutes ticked down to the bell, Bryan Sherman, senior, puts his laptop away in economics. "I thought using computers for the stock market game was a good way to learn first hand," Bryan said.

### cry about it

Robotic little cries quieting down, Abby Farkas, junior, feeds her mechanical baby for child development. "I had to hold the bottle in its' mouth until it felt full," Abby said. "It was a realistic project."



## by the numbers

180

Students used Google.com as their primary search engine

13

Students used Ask.com as their primary search engine

16

Students used Yahoo.com as their primary search engine

15

Students used Dogpile.com as their primary search engine

### one click away

With a click of the mouse, Emily Imrich, sophomore, chose a book. "I don't think I knew how to use an actual card catalog," Emily said. "Those things are ancient." The online card catalog made finding books in the library easier.



# technology helps to see the light

**S**cribbling furiously in his notebook, Andrew Drudge, junior, wasn't paying attention to his teacher for notes, he was watching his interpreter, who was signing away.

"I was deaf for as long as I could remember," Andrew said. "It wasn't a disability to me anymore, it was just a way of life."

However, with new technology Andrew received a cochlear implant when he was 4 years old. The cochlear was a small device that was implanted in Andrew's head through surgery and connected to a small magnet on the outside of his head behind his ear.

"With the cochlear, I could hear some muffled sounds," Andrew said, "It was one of the things that helped me out in different situations throughout the day."

The combined efforts of the cochlear implant, an interpreter and lip reading allowed Andrew to function as any other student with normal hearing could.

"I didn't get any breaks. I did my homework and took notes just the same as any other student," Andrew said.

Although he insisted he lived just the same as any other

16 year-old boy, teachers noticed Andrew and gave him much credit for his struggles.

"He dealt with limited hearing and performed as well at school as any of my other students," Mr. Jonas Wertin, English teacher, said. "It was amazing how far technology came over the last few decades."

Cochlear implants were invented in 1978 and have helped recipients ever since. The best candidates for the surgery were young children, according to Dr. Jacques Gerzog of St. Luke's hospital in Chesterfield, MO.

"Young children were the best candidates because they were easy to reattach after the surgery," Dr. Gerzog said. "There was a long process of speech learning and it takes full cooperation from the entire family."

His family had been helpful in any way he needed them, according to Andrew.

"My whole family was involved in my deaf life," Andrew said, "they all knew how to use sign language and my big brother Daniel was especially supportive of me."

With everything he had been through, Andrew tried to lead as normal a life as possible.

"I couldn't imagine my life without technology," Andrew said. "My cochlear was the most important piece of technology I knew, more important than any computer or cell phone."

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## shine the light

On a tour of the theater, Sam Tanitillo, junior, plays with a spotlight. In Technical Theater, students learned to work the various light and sound machines. "I took Tech. Theater because I wanted to see what went into a play than just the acting," Sam said. "Having the technology like we did made it easier on everyone."

## picture it

With all eyes on her, Chelsy Kimes, senior, gives an informational speech in Mr. Lehner's class. "Using the Smartboard helped students understand the material better," Chelsy said.



## take a look

Eyes pressed into the microscope, Rachel McMahon, senior, looks for organisms in Microbiology. "We wouldn't be able to see half the things if we didn't have these microscopes," Rachel said.

## technical thinking

Head in hand, Jennifer Razey, junior, researches information for her paper in English. "It helped to have time in class because I got research done there and wasn't overwhelmed," Jennifer said.

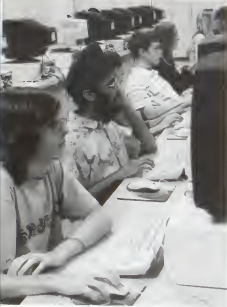
#### top secret

Those hidden behind her book, Megan Walker, junior, texts her boyfriend during U.S. history. "The class was boring and I'd rather be texting my boyfriend Mark than listening to Mr. Lopez talk about history for 30 minutes," Megan said.



#### get to the point

Lecturing to her class, Mrs. Juliann Acevora, psychology teacher, teaches about disorders on the Smart Board. "When she got to use the Smart Board for her lectures they were always the best," Val Carillo, junior, said.



#### a click away

Hand poised on the mouse, Zac Smith, junior, balances accounts during his class time. "I thought learning on the computer helped me understand better," Zac said. "It was a different way of looking at the material." The class spent about half of their time in the computer lab and half in the classroom, according to Zac.

#### seeing the light

While using the projector calculator, Pete Brousalis and James Han, seniors, plug in the data for Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics. The calculator had a clear face that, when placed on the overhead projector, showed the data on the screen. "The whole class could see what you were doing," Pete said. "It gave a good representation of the data."







#### keeping it covered

With eyes diverted downwards, Golnoosh Kamali, senior, uses her calculator to figure out a problem in Statistics. "It was helpful for the school to have calculators," Golnoosh said. "They were nicer than most students could afford and we used them a lot."

#### text twist

With a free period in Government, Sharayah Morgan, senior, texts her friend in Seattle. Although cell phones were prohibited, Sharayah wasn't worried. "It'd been two years and I hadn't been caught," Sharayah said. "I wasn't planning on that changing either."



## technology helps to see the light

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Looking at the worksheet sitting on her desk, Lynlee Shutka, sophomore, gave an aggravated sigh. She forgot to bring her own calculator to Geometry, and couldn't do the in-class worksheet without it.

Many students like Lynlee used technology like calculators to help them get through their schoolwork. According to Mr. Stephen Wroblewski, geometry teacher, students became reliant on calculators that they sometimes couldn't even do simple math problems.

"Students had been taught to use calculators by elementary teachers that didn't have degrees in mathematics," Mr. Wroblewski said. "A way to get them off was using rote memorization of multiplication facts."

Calculators weren't the only technological instruments students used as a crutch. The Internet provided search engines such as Google, Yahoo and Search.com to help students find whatever they were researching.

"Google helped me find information for research papers and anything else I needed," Jon Sobilo, sophomore, said. "Sometimes for vocabulary I didn't feel like opening a dictionary so I searched for the definitions online."

As helpful as students found the Internet for

schoolwork, Mr. Coil, science teacher, thought that students leaned too heavily on it.

"Technology was a good thing to have access to," Mr. Coil said. "But if you rely on that, you won't learn to do things for yourself."

Although some technology could have been seen as unnecessary, other forms of it were beneficial in helping students learn inside the school. With the Smart Board available for projects in the library, students used it for presentations such as Power Point that would otherwise required access to a computer.

"Using the Smart Board was so much better than using just a plain old computer," Basil Herbeck, junior, said. "It was more involved and a lot more fun to use."

As the clock showed the last few minutes of Geometry winding down, Lynlee packed away her books and wrote down a reminder for herself. Lynlee needed to remember her calculator so she would be able to finish the worksheet when she got home that night.

"Since I forget to bring my materials to class, I just had to do the work at home. It wasn't a big deal because at home I had more available resources and my parents helped me with problems I had," Lynlee said.



### on edge

To finish her planetary project for Earth Space, Sarah Lefkowsky, junior, adds the final touches on her box. "I was taping down the box to make it look neater," Sarah said. "Working on projects was nice because it gave me a break from homework and studying."

### bend over backwards

After measuring objects throughout the room, Lisa Weichman, senior, measures her foot in AP Statistics before graphing the results. "We had an activity before each chapter," Lisa said. "I always looked forward to them because we usually did a lot of book work."



### take a risk

Regurgitating a piece of broccoli, Katie Taylor, senior, tests food in AP Psychology. "I had to tell what the food was without using my sense of smell," Katie said. "The broccoli had a really gross texture, and I had to spit it out." Students tasted other foods like apples, tomatoes and potatoes.

### open up

Concentrated on his dissection, Chris Kounellis, senior, carefully cuts open a squid in Zoology class. "It was cool, but it smelled really bad," Chris said. "Dissections were fun because we actually got to see what we were learning instead of just reading about it." Zoology class also dissected frogs and fetal pigs.



### stretch out

Before beginning her workout in Foods and Fitness class, Dana Wold, senior, stretches with the class. "We worked out three times a week," Dana said. "I wasn't active, so it helped me stay in shape and changed the way I ate." Classes like Foods and Fitness gave students a break from the routine textbook and studying.



# learning **outside** the box

**W**ith heavy breaths and a quickening pulse, Molly White, junior, pushed through an elliptical workout. After an hour, she burned 300 calories and simultaneously memorized her vocabulary words.

"I found that if I was moving when I studied, it helped me memorize," Molly said. "I would put my [Advanced Placement United States History] or vocab words down in front of me and read while I rode."

Whether working at lunch, between class or during contact time, she always found opportunities to get her homework done all throughout the day, according to Molly.

"I liked to try to get things done right away because a teacher could be incredibly cruel and give another huge assignment," Molly said. "I didn't like going to bed at 2 a.m."

On the other hand, Sarah Chowdhury, junior, preferred to begin at that time.

"Somehow I believed [my homework] would magically get done if I left it long enough," Sarah said. "When I

got home from school, that was six hours of work. I needed a break to keep my brain from frying."

After an afternoon of napping, Sarah began her homework around 1 a.m. Sometimes, she stayed up all night to finish.

"I knew it was crazy, but it just seemed to work better for me that way," Sarah said.

Exhausted, Sarah closed her APUSH book and wondered how she'd last the day ahead.

Sleepy from her simultaneous studying and workout, Molly went to bed around 10 p.m. with a complete full night's sleep.

"I learned early on that if I put off my APUSH outline, I'd get a big English assignment," Molly said. "I valued my sleep."

Whether students scurried to finish homework or waited until the early morning hours of the due date, they all found a way to get it done to fit their methods.

Despite the pressure of last-minute cramming, students continued to pack in information throughout the day.

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## **measure up**

Ruler in hand, Miles Mandic, senior, measures Pete Brousalis, senior, against the chalkboard in Miss Alyssa Rodriguez's AP Statistics class. "The hands-on learning" definitely gave a visual representation of the text," Pete said.



## **out of the ordinary**

During a lesson in Outdoor Education class, Greg Lutz, sophomore, attempts to set up a tent in the gym. "I figured out how to do it the night before and memorized the directions," Greg said. Mr. Havestock randomly chose students to demonstrate different camping skills in front of the class without instructions.



## **show and tell**

With Mario cutouts, Megan Krueger, junior, and Ray Lopez, senior, gave an informative speech for their Speech class. "We had to write and act out a scene using the cutouts," Megan said. "We had to practice a lot, but it was really fun." Presentations served as a break in normal class routine.



## economize

With sidewalk chalk, Tammy Lee, senior, finishes her Advanced Placement Economics supply and demand project. "We worked with others, on drawing out the problems," Tammy said. "It helped me learn the material."

## stick it

To finish putting together her photography project, Sophie Koufos, sophomore, places stickers on a poster to tell a story by photographs. "The project taught me not to fool around," Sophie said. "I had to get my work done quickly to get it done the first time." Sophie enjoyed working creatively despite the time crunch.

## smell the science

By heating sulphur to its boiling point for her students, Mrs. Kelly Haussman, chemistry teacher, releases a smelly odor. "Labs gave the students a hands-on activity and allowed them to relate what they do in the lab to the written classroom material," Mrs. Haussman said. After heating the sulphur, Mrs. Haussman poured it into ice water to make its amorphous form.



## left brain vs. right brain dominant

Left and right halves of the brain controlled different functions. Usually a person had a dominant half in control of their characteristics and personality.

### left

preferred classical music  
dog lovers  
read action stories  
good at algebra  
needed total quiet to read or study  
thought better while sitting down  
preferred multiple choice  
organized and logical  
good at math and like to read



preferred rock music  
cat lovers  
read fantasy stories  
good at geometry  
listened to music while studying  
thought better while lying down  
preferred essay tests  
spontaneous and a dreamer  
good at sports and art

### right

## audio and visual learners

1. Do you learn best by: (a) picture (b) lecture
2. Do you prefer: (a) essay tests (b) listening tests
3. Are you better at: (a) spelling (b) grammar
4. Do you: (a) forget names (b) remember names
5. Do you prefer to: (a) read to yourself (b) read aloud

**Mostly A answers:** You were a visual learner. Visual learners learned best by seeing things. They learned from maps, charts, outlines, flashcards and videos. A visual learner worked best with diagramming or essay tests and had trouble on listening tests.

**Mostly B answers:** You were an audio learner. Audio learners learned best by hearing information. They often used word association to remember facts, repeat facts with eyes closed and enjoyed participating in group discussions. When remembering information, an audio learner remembered saying something out loud multiple times. Audio learners excelled at listening tests, but had trouble at reading passages.



## learning **outside** the box

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After studying the night before and then cramming at any free moment before fourth hour, Kathryn Wadas, junior, reviewed her flash cards one last time.

Though Senor Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher, gave his students the list of words, Kathryn rewrote them to fit her style of learning.

"I used flash cards because they were convenient and I could take them out in my classes before Spanish to study without carrying around all my books," Kathryn said.

Along with organization, Kathryn used pneumatic devices to help her remember vocabulary terms. In Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology, she related social loafing, working less in a group setting, to a loaf of bread. She drew the comparison because bread did nothing besides "sit there."

"Sometimes to study, I just kept saying things over and over until I remembered it," Kathryn said. "Then I said the words in different ways, I even talked to myself. I would say 'Do you know what that means? Oh yeah, I know what that means. It means this.'"

Kathryn described herself as both an audio and a visual learner. An audio learner gained the most from lectures or talking out loud,

especially in a group discussion. On the other hand, a visual learner comprehended most from diagrams, pictures and flash cards, according to the Mrs. Juliann Acevez, social studies teacher.

To study for vocabulary tests, Kathryn talked to herself. When she could not immediately remember the answer on a test, however, she tried to picture where she had written that information in her notebook.

Because students differed in their preferred learning techniques, teachers planned lessons to satisfy everyone's needs. Mr. David Russell, English teacher, held class discussions so that audio learners could get a fair shot, but also had students work on assignments individually to learn the information firsthand.

"I always encouraged my students to study together to get different perspectives and to question each other," Mr. Russell said. "I didn't use the board as much as other teachers, but when a graphic organizer helped explain a story, I drew them for everyone."

Because Kathryn used every free moment before her fourth hour Spanish class to whip out her vocabulary flash cards, she earned an "A" on the test. She credited the grade to taking advantage of her style of learning.



### **thumb** a ride

For a project on a famous deaf person, Meghan Ruich, senior, signs "ride" to her class. "Mrs. Schumacher signed in front

of the class, then we learned the signs from there," Meghan said. Meghan took sign language because her grandparents were deaf.

### **testing** waters

In Honors Microbiology, George Vauter, senior, makes a gram stain of bacteria. "I had to pay attention to the amount of time I left the stain on the slide and the amount I used," George said. Microbiology and immunity sparked an interest in George, and he aspired to become a biomedical engineer.

### **laughing** matter

Wearing a baby belt for child development class, Tashi Damjanovich, junior, acts out labor. "I wanted to take the electronic baby home, but that ended up being the worst weekend of my life because I got a total of three hours of sleep each night," Tashi said. Tashi enjoyed faking scenarios in class.

### take the **dive**

To assist her friend Heather Loden, senior, Cecilia Huang, senior, helped put on scuba gear. By applying the knowledge she learned from scuba class, Cecilia felt better prepared for dives in Florida on Spring Break with project Blo.



### free **falling**

Concentrated on her measurement, Tieg Alexander, junior, finds the height of the weight. "Mr. Hautzinger cut the string with a razor blade, and we had to figure out where it would fall," Tieg said. "Learning hands-on was more interesting than falling asleep during notes."

### jazz it **up**

At the Indiana Visitors Center in Highland, Amanda Bacoyanis, senior, plays jazz music for the visitors. Amanda started playing the double bass when she was in third grade. "I picked it up one day when I was in orchestra and the teacher said I had perfect position," Amanda said.



### ready to **drop**

As Lesley Krzesinski, freshman, prepares to drop her egg for Earth Space Science, she discusses matters with her classmate. "The Egg Drop was better than sitting in class and taking notes," Lesley said. "We had to prepare pretty well by using different elements inside the box, but mine fell pretty well."



### think it **out**

Focused on her test in Mrs. Jacqueline Podkul's Honors Algebra 2 class, Jessica Kitchell, sophomore, finishes her exam. "I learned how to graph different types of parabolas," Jessica said. "But I didn't think they had any practical application in the real world."

### board **walk**

Marker squeaking on the dry erase board, Katherine Andreatos, freshman, writes out a vocabulary word in French. "The games help me by actually practicing the grammar," Katherine said. "It stuck better in my head because I did it over and over again."





spring **forward**  
With a smile on, Andy Johnson, junior, sends his slinky across the floor in physics class. "We were learning different types of spring motion," Andy said. "Labs let you experience and break the monotony of the classroom."

by the **drop**  
While counting carefully, Allison Bergmann, sophomore, drops a solution into her graduated cylinder. "I wanted to be a doctor when I grew up," Allison said. "I knew applying Chemistry would help me achieve that goal."



## mind in the **write place**

**H**unched over his desk, Sujay Jayakar, sophomore, looked up at the clock. Scribbling frantically, he added the finishing touches to his essay test.

Whether the stress extended in history, biology, or English class, students throughout the school experienced the anxiety of essay tests.

Sujay, however, didn't let the tension get the best of him, especially during the test.

"I saw it as a way of showing off," Sujay said. "I tried my best to answer the questions while cramming in as much information as I could the night before the test."

Students prepared in study groups for Mr. David Russell's essay tests, according to Sujay.

"My classmates and I always put all of our ideas together to get different points of view," Sujay said. "It helped because there were so many ways to interpret the material."

Other students preferred to study alone, according to Ava Khadiwada, sophomore.

"I just read over my notes and made sure I knew what to study," Ava said.

Essay tests were easier to study for and more straight forward, according to Ava.

"I preferred essay tests to multiple choice because you normally knew what the questions would be, so you knew what you needed to know and what you needed to answer."

After squeezing in his final concluding sentences merely seconds before the bell rang, Sujay calmly rose from his seat.

"Once in a while I had no idea what to write, but I just stayed relaxed," Sujay said. "Letting

yourself become scared would only hurt your grade more if you got all nervous and freaked out."

However, students didn't only apply knowledge with different types of testing.

Ever since she was a little girl, Courtney Basile, senior, always wanted to be an architect.

In order to quench her thirst for design and technological knowledge, Courtney took Design Process, Architecture and Fundamental Engineering, according to Courtney.

"Those classes really helped me understand more about architecture and technology," Courtney said. "I knew for certain that was what I wanted to do in college and later in life."

Different projects and programs expanded her horizons and opened her eyes to new dreams and ideas, according to Courtney.

"In Design Processing we used the same program that the colleges used," Courtney said. "I knew that the programs would help me out extremely in college, so I stuck with it."

Projects ranged anywhere from designing a variety of houses to viewing different objects from a variety of angles.

Whether applying knowledge for weekly tests or for a lifetime, students found ways to apply their skills through testing, projects and classroom activities. Throughout the years, memorable knowledge stuck with students, often helping with future plans and careers.

"The concepts I learned in my design classes helped me understand the fundamental basics of my future career," Courtney said. "I knew it would really stick with me."

### take the **cake**

During the Mardi Gras party in her French class, Olivia Enger, senior, waits to dive into her cake. "I took the cake so I could have it for myself," Olivia said. "I was starving." The class later tried to take the party outside of the classroom but got sent back.

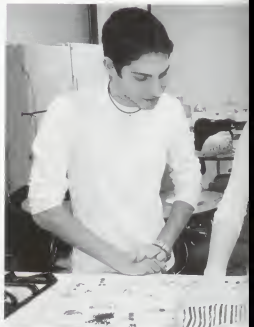
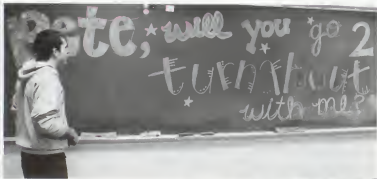


### master **baker**

In front of the class, Kathryn Merritt, freshman, puts the ingredients for a smoothie into a blender for her demonstration speech. "I was lazy and making a smoothie was easy to do," Kathryn said.

### first come, **first serve**

Filling the next cup, Mr. Arthur Haverstock, biology teacher, serves a mixture of deer, antelope, and duck to his Outdoor Education class. "It was a good part of the program, and the kids sucked it down," Mr. Haverstock said. Outdoor education is a major part of Indiana heritage, according to Mr. Haverstock.



### given the **red carpet** treatment

Food served as one type of reward in classrooms, but students found other incentives in school. After receiving a gift, Tony Markovich, senior, stoically celebrates the holidays by exchanging gifts for Secret Santa. "I was in a class full of girls so, of course they all gave me girly presents," Tony said. "It was really awkward." **Taken by surprise**, Pete Brousalis, senior, looks at a colorful Turnabout message. "At first I didn't think it was for me," Pete said. With tense muscles, Cheby Kimes, senior, receives a back rub from Jordan Huckaby, sophomore.





# pouring rewards on thick

**A**s Jordana Boton, junior, sat in Study Hall, her stomach growled, "Feed me!" Jordana counted down until she could satisfy this hunger at lunch. Luckily, Jordana's Nutrition and Wellness class saved the day.

Nutrition and Wellness, nicknamed "Foods," and Foods and Fitness are offered as electives. In Foods and Fitness, students learned to cook healthy foods twice a week and did some sort of physical activities all other days.

Nutrition and Wellness teaches students the importance of nutrition, how to use the kitchen and the basics of cooking.

"Cooking was a life skill that people used everyday," Ms. Sarah Ribar, Foods and Fitness teacher said. "Learning how to cook helped for when they got to college and there weren't any parents to cook for them."

Though students signed up for the classes, not all of them took the class to actually learn how to cook, according to Ms. Ribar.

**pour it on**  
After mixing the ingredients, Kendal Moyer, senior, pours cake batter into a glass dish during her Advanced Foods and Nutrition class. "I liked the class because we got to eat a lot of food," Kendal said. "It was a nice break from the usual academic schedule."

"Some kids took the class because they wanted to eat," Ms. Ribar said. "However, some kids actually had an interest in cooking."

Jordana Boton, agreed that kids saw the "Foods" as a chance for an easy class.

"I thought it would be fun and I knew we wouldn't have

homework," Jordana said.

Though some students saw the class as an easy A, some still knew that cooking would be a good thing to know for the future, according to Alyssa Hruskocy, senior.

"I knew when I got older I would need to cook, so I wanted to learn some things about food and cooking," Alyssa said. "You can't live off microwaving food for the rest of your life. Nothing is better than a home-cooked meal."

In addition to the actual classes, teachers such as Mrs. Juliann Acevez, social studies teacher, used food as a reward.

In Mrs. Acevez's first period Honors Sociology, the students got coffee and donuts if the class averaged above 80 percent on tests.

"The food served as positive reinforcement," Mrs. Acevez said. "It got them to study."

The students loved the idea, according to Joel Schneider, senior, saying that it "brought a little bit of light to our stressful days."

Donuts served as a popular reward as Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher used them as motivation for the food drive.

"The donuts gave us more of a reason to bring in cans, and we ended up with a lot," Alex Cohen, junior, said.

Whether curriculum or reward, students always welcomed food, according to Jordana.

"Who wouldn't want food?" Jordana said.



**play it cool**  
Gabriel Behar, Michelle Zehner, and Courtney Basile, se-

niors, decorate Valentine's Day cookies. The decorating was delayed from the snow day.



## taste test

After taking a bite of her stromboli sandwich, Maureen Modesto, senior, makes a face of disgust. "The majority of the food wasn't really that good, but I always attempted to taste everything we made."

## fondue for you

While Ashley Laird, junior, transfers fondue, Aaron Estrada, sophomore and Jeff Spyka, junior, watch. "The class taught me about foods I didn't know about." The fondue lab was easy, according to Ashley.

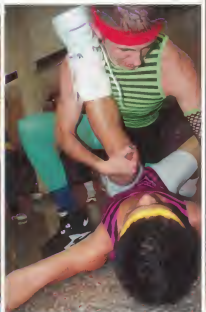
## floating away on **SPRIT**

Pens in hand, health teachers Mr. Leroy Marsh and Mr. Mike Hackett, and Miss Paula Malinski, physical education teacher, judge the Homecoming floats. The floats corresponded to the James Bond 007 theme of Homecoming. Student Government chose the theme because the Senior Class graduated in 2007. "My number one criteria for the floats was how creatively it followed the theme," Miss Malinski said. "Judging the floats was a good way to stay in touch with the upperclassman and see what they could do." Grades used James Bond movie titles as inspiration for their floats. The sophomores came in third with "Live and Let Win." Juniors place second saying "Mustangs Never Die." Seniors chanted "The World Is Not Enough" when they won the contest.



## dress to **IMPRESS**

At lunch, Mitch Hanak, sophomore, jokes around with his friends on Pirate day. The movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* inspired Student Government to chose the spirit day. "I had a lot of fun wearing that wig," Mitch said. "I thought it looked like Johnny Depp." Before school starts, seniors Leroy Velasquez and Mike Sudbury stretch to 80s music in the Commons. "It was fun to lead the work outs," Leroy said. "And chicks digged the spandex." Using her brother's guitar, Amanda Porter, sophomore, dresses up as a protester from the 60s for Decades Day. "The outfit was my brother's idea," Amanda said. "It was fun to make a fool of myself for one day." Disguised as a cowboy, Lazarick Whitlock, junior, socializes with friends by his locker on Western Day. "I bought the shirt and pony from the Goodwill store," Lazarick said. "All together it was \$3." In the Garden Spot lunch line, Mara Maddocks, senior, buys a salad as Little Red Riding Hood on the senior's Costume Day. On Nerd Day, seniors Dan Crisman, Bret Keil, Enni Uwidia and John Bugajski, dance to the song *White and Nerdy* by Weird Al Yankovich.



# fun & games at HOMECOMING

After a 90-minute **blackout**, Homecoming continued without a hitch. Students cheered at an indoor **pep rally** despite sunny weather and paraded down Columbia. They saw the **Homecoming queen** crowned and the football team pummel Hammond High.

While Brian Wysock, senior, played Pictionary, a not so enthusiastic squirrel crawled around the electrical wires at the other end of the school and fried his brains out.

According to Mr. Jack King, Assistant Dean, a squirrel caused the blackout that occurred the day of the Homecoming Pep Rally.

"A squirrel lost it's life in back of the cafeteria," Mr. King said. "He shorted the transformer which blew out a power line on Columbia."

Classrooms darkened immediately as the power shut off. The school's emergency generator, however, kept the bells, intercom, and phones working, according to Mr. King.

The "black-out" occurred on the day the seniors coincidentally proclaimed as black-out day. The Senior Class dressed in all-black clothing for the pep rally and parade.

"I thought it was a prank, I thought maybe [the seniors] shut the power off," Mrs. Hallie Hammond, science teacher, said.

While students played impromptu games like heads up seven up, Jessica Peach, junior, found another way to pass the free time.

"I was in choir and there were no windows so it was pitch black," Jessica said. "We played Twister, even though it

was hard in the dark."

The blackout lasted over an hour and a half and the faculty worried about the fate of the Pep Rally, according to Mr. King.

"We worried about the pep assembly," Mr. King said. "We got power within 5 minutes of the decision. A lot of people were scrambling."

The issue of the squirrel still remained.

"I heard it wasn't a pretty sight," Mr. King said.

## BAR-B-QUE

The Food Court bustled with constant chatter as the town awaited a traditional feast. People of all ages greeted each other with smiles.

The Speech and Debate Team hosted the annual Chicken Barbeque Dinner to raise money. Members sold tickets door-to-door, located donations for the bake sale and worked individual shifts the night of the barbeque.

The success of the barbeque united the community, according to speech coach Miss Jennifer Bulla, English teacher.

"It was a tradition that alumni, families and faculty came back to year after year," Miss Bulla said. "It was a reunion in a lot of ways."

Families and friends gathered to eat as the barbeque attracted the entire town, according to Speech President Joel Schneider, senior.

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**PIECE OF PIE** To wipe off her face, Bridget Parker, senior, scrambles to find a towel at the Homecoming pep rally. After Bridget pried Ms. Valerie Pfum, she returned the favor by rubbing Bridget's face in whip cream." Ms. Pfum was always had a good sense of humor," Bridget said.





# in the pep of THINGS

When the timer stops, Cojaun Bradley, freshman, finishes the pie eating contest. Digital camera in hand, Rhyona Abraham, senior, cheers on the Senior Class in the tug-o-war contest. Voice echoing throughout the fieldhouse, boys' soccer captain Pete Brousalis, senior, encourages students to come the soccer games. With his face painted by upperclassman football players, Sean Dillner, sophomore, watches the Pep Rally. Pulling up the tuxedo pants, Stephanie Skeritich, sophomore, participates in the tuxedo race. Along with fellow seniors, Steve Luptak competes against the juniors in the tug-o-war.



## afraid of the DARK

On Homecoming, a squirrel chewed through an electrical wire, causing the power in the school to shut off. To pass the 90 minute second hour, freshmen in Mr. Robert McCall's English 9 class play heads up seven up. Synced with the iPod, juniors Jordan Huckaby and Jessica Novatney sing in Mr. Lehnner's Speech class. Standing outside of the In School Suspension (ISS) room, Mrs. Sue Grzyb waits with students for the power to come back on. In the back of the classroom, sophomores Taylor Lee and Ray Lopez play patty cake.



# fun & games at HOMECOMING

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"You were bound to see someone there," said Joel. "It was a friendly environment."

Along with Speech and Debate members, parents, and coaches, faculty also attended.

"I was friends with Speech coaches and brought my family," Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said. "It was a great community event."

## PARADE NO SHOW

After showing up ready to participate in the homecoming parade, Taylor Hodges, sophomore, received displeasing news. The sophomore spirit truck did not come, so sophomores had to ride either the freshman or DECA truck.

"I was disappointed that the sophomores didn't have a truck," Junior CEC sponsor Mr. Marc Leherer, English teacher, said. "They had one reserved, but it got cancelled at the last moment through no fault of the sponsors."

Aside from the mix-up, the parade had a good turnout, according to Grant Huebner, junior.

With each class on its own truck, rivalries formed. Senior boys hid in Bieker Woods and came out to throw water balloons at Cheer-

leaders, Dance Team members, and underclassman riding on the trucks.

"I was hit on the head by a water balloon and got totally drenched," JV Dance Team member Lindsey Kitchell, freshman, said.

Because of the rivalry sophomores chose not to participate rather than ride on the DECA or freshman truck.

"I didn't end up riding on a

truck when we didn't have a sophomore truck of our own," Taylor said. "I would have felt out of place on either the freshman or DECA truck."

## TO DRESS OR NOT DRESS

Decked out in spandex Lauren Hudak, senior, stood out with the Senior Class.

"A lot of people experienced individualism," Lauren said. "It didn't hurt anyone, but on a normal day there was absolutely no way people would dress as crazily and outrageously."

Students, like freshman Katherine Palmer, dressed up to feel more like a high school student, but hesitated to do so.

As students grew older, they felt more comfortable about dressing up.

"I'll probably do it next year because I won't be a freshman," Kurt Alberson, freshman, said.

Meanwhile, seniors stressed as debates about their dress days sparked.

On Cross-dress Day, broad shouldered women with facial hair traipsed the halls alongside effeminate men in loose-fitting clothes.

"Cross Dress Day was so funny," Josh Spiek-hout, senior, said. "Seeing the look on peoples faces when they saw me wearing a skirt was the best. It wasn't comfortable, though."

To administrators and teachers, Cross Dress Day pushed the envelope but the most risqué days were banned. Students planning to wrap themselves in bed sheets for Toga Day had to alter their ensembles to Nerd Day's overalls.

"Toga Day was changed because the administration was nervous that girls would be showing too much skin," Anitha Umapathy, senior, said. "Nerd Day was a big hit and I think I liked it more than I would've like Toga Day."

**ONE VOICE** Megaphone in hand, Kevin Donahue, senior, yells at the Homecoming Pep Session. The seniors stood together as a class and cheered during the contests. "It was fun to dress crazily all week and watch the Senior Class dominate," Kevin said.

**FLUFFY STUFF** At float building, juniors Katie Anderson and Kim Long fluff the tissue paper pomps on the Junior Class float. "The pomps gave the float color and made it look like a house instead of chicken wire," Katie said.



## the crown JEWELS

At halftime during the Homecoming football game, Emily Lyness, senior, crowns Kate Varnum, senior, as Homecoming Queen. "It was sort of surreal hearing my name," Kate said. "I was excited and flattered. It was nice to know that the student body supported me." Couples left to right: Kaitlin Newell and Chris Winterhalter, Lauren Meneghetti and Pat DeRolf, Katie Szafarz and Steve Luptak, Hilary Grunewald and Tommy Mambour, Marissa Sylvestre and Rich Meyers.

## short and SUITE

Novice Play *California Suite*

Dates Sept. 28-29

Directors Mike Konopasek and Danielle Troumouliaris

Caught in a dilemma, Hunter Muckel, freshman, calls the front desk of the hotel. In the play, Hunter's character found an unexpected visitor in hotel room. "My brother left her in the room," Hunter said. "He was partying with her, but I was not the guilty one." While on the set, Kyle Pucalik, freshman, stands by as Alisa Bochnowski, freshman, rants about his lifestyle. "I was a very strained character," Alisa said. "I was sarcastic in real life, but I hoped I wasn't overly mean like she was." **Fist clenched.** Paul Bainbridge, senior, expresses his anger to Doug Johnson, sophomore, who threatened Paul that he would "backhand him to death with a tennis racket." "He was extremely high-tempered," Paul said. "It was fun to play an evil character." **Confronting her husband,** played by Adam Goodwin, sophomore, freshman Hannah Kurowski's character in the Novice Show returns home drunk. Hannah grew very close to the cast members during the course of the play. "When it ended, I was so sad. Everyone had become my family in a month," she said.



## life beyond the STAGE

After months of rehearsal, superfluous backstage drama and rising expectations, actors, directors and crew members prepare for the ultimate goal—**Opening night.**

As the lights dimmed, spotlights brightened to reveal a smoky room containing a plain, white bed, brown dressing table and an oak bureau. This first scene served as the main stage the entire novice show, *California Suite*, which showcased students who were new to the Theater Company.

"The play revolved around a central hotel room," Doug Johnson, sophomore said. "I only had to learn my way around one set, and it helped the backstage crew because they didn't have to build a ton of scenery."

To kick-off the theater season, the student directors chose a classic Neil Simon play, not only for its simple scene settings, but also because its plot had multiple actors sharing the lead

role, according to student director, Michael Konopasek, senior.

"We liked the fact that it had four leads and many supporting actors," Mike said. "Because it was everyone's first time on the stage we wanted to be fair and give everyone an equal part."

Entering and exiting the single Beverly Hills hotel room was a myriad of married couples. Each one had a different problem in their marriage that exploded in the room. The different quarrels and conflicts added humor

### IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

At the auditions for *Divine Stella*, Divine, directors Joel Schneider, senior, and Mallory McShane, junior, instruct the audition coordinator to put a group of their choice together for evaluation. "I never realized how different casting is that auditioning," Mallory said. "I wish I could've taken so many people."

**FOLLOWING SUIT** Mimicking her every move, Pat Pohrte, senior, follows Danielle Troumoularis, senior, during the song "Sensitivity." "Pat copied me, but I didn't even know that we were so in sync," she said.

**FINAL WORD** For the final song in *Once Upon a Mattress*, the cast presents the sleeping princess atop 20 mattresses. "She was getting her well-deserved beauty rest," David Blumberg, freshman, said.



## once upon a **MUSICAL**

Fall Musical *Once Upon a Mattress*  
Dates Nov. 12-15

Director Larry A. Brechner

**Hand in hand.** Clarke Remmers, freshman, and Molly White, junior, strike their final pose in their love ballad "In a Little While." "We didn't do the kissing scene until later in the process," Clarke said. **In the first scene** of the Fall Musical *Once Upon a Mattress*, the minstrel, played by Jenny Eskander, junior, explains the true story of the princess and the pea. "I told the story of Princess Winnifred, and her plan to rock out the castle and be the best princess." **With hand gestures and facial expressions,** Joel Schneider, senior, explains to Mike Konopasek, senior, how babies are made. Because Joel played a mute king, he had to convey the message without the assistance of words. "It was the most difficult song I ever had to learn," Mike said. "At first I used to laugh at the song, but I had to make sure I was right on time. I was so focused on just getting it right." **At the end of the song** "Happily Ever After," Katie Taylor, senior, belts out her final note. Katie played Winnifred, a spunky princess vying for the hand of the prince. "Winnifred was an eccentric character," Katie said. "Which made her really fun to play. I got to be so over the top. I didn't a lot of freedom with other characters, so I appreciated the chance."

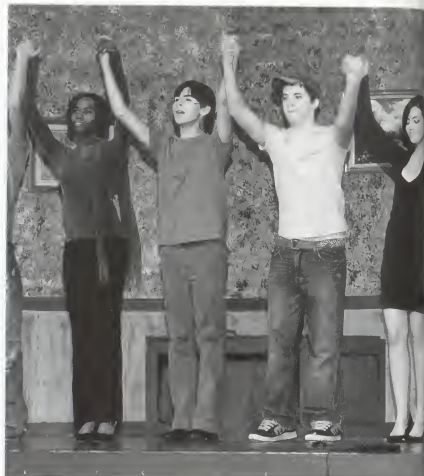
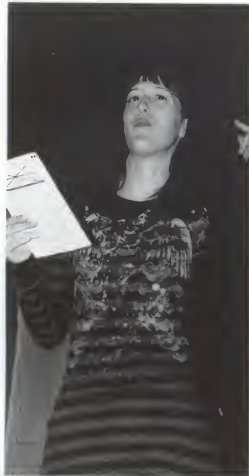
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**GIVE IT A TRY** At the audition for the Winter Play, Lorien Estes, sophomore, tries for the part of Micole. Though she didn't land a speaking role in the show, Lorien received the job helping the directors as a production assistant.

**SETTING THE STAGE** To appear as stage crew in the play *Divine Stella*, Divine, actors as well as auditorium staff members set the stage. "We were moving the table to the markers on the stage," Austin Piech, senior, said.



**AGE BEFORE BEAUTY** Bent over Alyssa Larmer, senior, Emma Grdina, Freshman, comforts Alyssa's character, Stella Divine in the Winter Play *Divine Stella*. "She was insisting that she was too old to be on stage," Emma said. "But I was Stella's good friend and I was picking up for her." According to Emma, the role of Agnes fit her motherly personality.



## life beyond the STAGE

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heat or cold air through school computers, experienced an electrical error, causing an emergency situation, according to Brian Huess, head custodian. The lights, controlled by another panel, almost didn't turn on, and cast

members prepared themselves to act in spotlights alone.

"It's a fail safe method that sensed something was wrong. The systems went into safe-mode by putting the heat on full blast," Mr. Huess said. "We weren't able to solve the problem until the next morning."

While some actors felt like they walked through an unbearable wall of heat, others were impervious to the intense conditions.

"I didn't notice the heat until intermission when everyone was complaining about being so hot," Doug said. "I wasn't really affected by it."

Because "the show must go on," the actors still performed, regardless of the difficult conditions.

"The show still went really well. I just think it wasn't as enjoyable for the audience because they were uncomfortable," Kathryn Wadas, junior, said. "I could tell it was hotter when I was on stage because people in the audience were fanning themselves with the play's programs."

### **DIRECT METHOD**

With a shoe in his hand, Joel Schneider, senior, launched, aimed, and fired at Justin Newman, junior, when he forgot his line. Despite his effort, Joel missed his target.

"The shoe throwing started about five years ago," Joel said. "A crazy director would punish the cast by throwing shoes. One day, we collected all of the shoes in a pile and I would throw





**DIRECT FOCUS** Observing the Novice Show California Suite, director Mike Konopasek, senior, takes notes while at rehearsal. For his first time directing, Mike and Danielle Troumoularis, senior, chose to do *California Suite* because of the marketability and name recognition. "There were about one hundred people trying out, and we picked out the best for the cast," Mike said.

**UNITED THEY STAND** Joined by hands in the final bow of the dress rehearsal, the cast of *Divine Stella, Divine*, concludes the show. A madcap farce about the goings-on of a large Broadway theater, the show brought students of all ages to the stage. "It helped me develop my character," Adam Bobeck, sophomore said. "And when directors gave notes, it gave an idea of what they wanted."

Winter Play *Divine Stella, Divine*

Dates Feb. 8-10

Directors Joel Schneider and

Mallory McShane

## divine COMEDY

With a bend and snap move, Alyssa Spungen, junior, instructs her stage daughter, Hannah Kurowski, on how to attract attention. Alyssa played an overbearing stage mom. "She was a crazy character," Alyssa said. "I couldn't imagine having a mom like her." After conning her way into the lead role, Danielle Troumoularis, senior, begins rehearsing with Russell Gonzalez, junior, for the Broadway play within the Winter Play. **Going into overdrive.** Justin Newman, junior, snaps at Jordan Huckaby, sophomore. "I made my character bigger," Justin said. "He was always having panic attacks and he was really dramatic." In a fake display of affection, Adam Bobeck, sophomore, kisses Julianne Watterson, junior, on the hand. "My character was a flirtatious, dim-witted airhead, so she was amazed when he kissed her hand," she said. **Embarrassed but remaining professional.** Stella Devine, played by Alyssa Larimer, senior, keeps her cool after losing her lead role. "She was forced to take a smaller role," Alyssa said. "She was trying to prove that she was professional. She didn't dismiss a role because it wasn't the lead. She proved she wasn't a diva."



them at the actors if they messed up. They were happy I had bad aim."

Joel, along with assistant director Mallory McShane, junior, directed the cast of the play *Divine Stella, Divine*.

"It was incredibly difficult to pick a show," Joel said. "We spent about three or four months looking for one."

Reading through script after script seemed hopeless after finally stumbling across the script for the show, according to Joel. But when *Divine Stella, Divine* leaped into the pile, it was an obvious winner.

"I chose the show because it was funny for the main reason," Joel said. "It was appropriate for all audiences."

Though Joel initially thought directing a show would be easy, it was

more difficult than he had thought.

"The hardest part about directing was balancing being a director and getting the cast to do something like focus," Joel said. "I still wanted to be their friend and let them know that everything would be okay."

After a shaky dress rehearsal, the directors feared for opening night.

"I was worried because of how badly dress rehearsal went," Joel said. "I both was angry and worried."

But the success of opening night relieved Joel and Mallory. The second night raked in over 260 tickets.

"Seeing my work on stage was my favorite part of directing," Joel said. "I was happy that everything came together well in the end."

# buddies belt out FRIENDSHIP

When the hot lights **extinguished**, Alyssa Larimer, senior, **scurried** offstage and into the **dressing room** for the most **difficult** part of the Spring Musical, *Mame*.

"I had 15 different costumes and 18 costume changes," Alyssa said. "The worst part was that I didn't have any time to pee!"

The trouble posed by costume changes didn't affect Alyssa as much as the amount of time she spent on stage. Of the 19 scenes, Alyssa appeared in 18, each of which had a significant song or speech. With the exception of two pages, Alyssa had lines on every page of her script. However, the challenge allowed Alyssa to rise to the occasion and take on a heavy load of singing, dancing and acting.

"It took a lot of energy and patience," Alyssa said. "Throughout the play, not only did I feel like I had to carry the show, but I was trying to do other people's jobs too. I was literally on stage all the time. It was a lot of stress."

The pressure only enabled Alyssa to focus on her goal. In order to learn songs, she listened to the original soundtrack with Angela Lansbury and utilized every free moment.

"I did it by devoting 110% of my time," she said. "Basically I sold my soul for the show."

Despite the difficulties encountered in the process, Alyssa thrived on the energy and excitement of the environment, causing her to choose theater as a career choice.

"I want to be on Broadway," Alyssa said.

"Any chance to perform was a great opportunity and experience, and I know it is a rough career; but it was the only thing I knew. I had a passion, and I couldn't live without it."

## KNOCK ON WOOD

Pacing outside of auditorium director Mr. Larry A. Brechner's office, Mallory McShane, junior, received the silver disk she had been waiting for—the musical soundtrack.

"The major difficulty was the fact that I didn't have any music until two weeks before the show," Mallory said. "Jelena [Grozdanich, freshman,] and I had to choreograph dances in a very short period of time and teach it to the cast and dancers the next day."

Throughout the entire process, both cast and directors encountered problems that set back the progression of the show. Sometimes, the amount of time the cast spent together caused emotions to boil into angered feelings, according to Tabitha Strong, junior.

"At times during the big numbers, LAB [Mr. Brechner] was not a fun person to be around," she said.

In the end all problems were resolved, according to Mallory. "I didn't know how we got it done, but we did," she said.



**MAKING A POINT** Gesturing at *Mame*, Madolyn Hedin, freshman, Paul Bainbridge, senior; Lyndsey Hernandez, junior; Sarah Meggers, senior, and Michael Wadas, sixth grade, watch her hunt.

**TWO TO TANGO** Following the choreography, Nicole Raynor, sophomore, and Justin Newman, junior, tango in a speakeasy. "It was different at first," Nicole said. "But then I got more comfortable."





**BOSOM BUDDIES** Locked in an embrace, Alyssa Larimer and Danielle Trounoulizis, seniors, harmonize during their second-act duet. "Danielle helped me a lot during the show," Alyssa said.



**WOMAN IN THE MOON**

Draped upon her paper moon, Alyssa Larimer, senior, attempts to hear the whispers of her cast mates in the musical within Mame. "It was a great experience," Alyssa said.

**WRITTEN OFF** Seated at his typewriter, Mike Konopasek, senior, composes a letter. "In the scene I did a reprise of 'You're my best girl,'" Mike said. "It was about the special relationship with his aunt."



**TO THE QUICK** At the Salon Pour Messieurs, Kenn O'Drobinak waits for a manicurist to do his nails. "At first he thought he was at the wrong place because it was so feminine," Kenn said.



**IN DUE COURSE** With arms wrapped around her belly, Stephanie Sepiol, sophomore, explains her situation. "Mame sent me out into the world," Stephanie said. "When I came back, I was pregnant."

**A LEG UP** Legs raised and feet pointed, the chorus performs a kick line. According to Tabitha Strong, junior, big dance numbers made the play fun. "The big cast made it easy to interact with people," she said.

## prim & proper for DANCES

At Hohman Floral, Brendon Georgas, senior, picks up his Turnabout flower order. "I always picked out her bouquet myself," Brendon said. "I knew she liked it." To decorate for Turnabout, cheerleader Nicole Raynor, sophomore, tapes down a string of lights. "We had to wake up at 8 a.m. to decorate," Nicole said. In hopes of finding the perfect dress, Emily Yaeger, senior, searches the aisles. "I usually went shopping with my mom because she gave a more honest opinion," Emily said. For Homecoming, Ashley Lair, junior, gets her hair put into an updo. "I was horrible at styling my own hair, so I got it done professionally," Ashley said.



**FIT TO BE TIED** Before they parade down the walkway, Alexis Jeter, senior, tightens her boyfriend, Andre Brodie's tie at Grand March. Dollars For Scholars sponsored Grand March, where the community could see couples before they left for Prom. "We went to Grand March because my parents wanted to see me and I wanted to see everyone else's dresses," Alexis said.



## PRETTY AS A PICTURE

Flashing big smiles, Gabriel Behar, senior, foreign exchange student Marta Peralta, junior, and Elena Falloon, senior, pose for the camera. "I loved taking photos because then I would be able to keep my memories for when I went back to Spain," Marta said. Marta took more pictures than most people so that she could show all her friends at home.



## PROM COURT

### girls

Emily Eagan  
Hilary Grunewald  
Chelsey Kimes  
Lauren Meneghetti  
**Marissa Sylvester**

### boys

Mike Bizoukas  
Greg Blair  
Pete Brousalis  
Tommy Mambourg  
**Adam White**





# friends & changes make dances PICTURE PERFECT

**Inadequate** dance space in the Commons results in relocation to fieldhouse, and increase in **Prom** attendants spurs Junior CEC to host the event at **Halls of St. George**. Meanwhile, students find **fun** when they **skip** finding the perfect date and go **solo**.

School dances, typically described as sweaty and cramped, found a new home in the fieldhouse when administrators declared the Commons too small for the number of attendees.

Changing the traditional location sparked debate amongst the student body. Some disagreed with the gain of space.

According to Rachel Eldert senior, the fieldhouse provided too much room and lighting.

"I did not like it at all," Rachel said. "People weren't forced to dance like they were in the Commons, and I felt like an idiot dancing with all of those lights turned on."

Students disliked the sound quality in the fieldhouse, according to Na'Lani Ravelo, senior.

"It was hard to hear the DJ because of the acoustics in the gym," Na'Lani said. "I thought they should have stuck with the Commons."

While Na'Lani preferred that dances remained in the Commons, other students believed the switch improved the dances.

"I liked it," Jordan Jancosek, senior, said. "It was nice to have some room. I could actually breathe and not sweat like a crazy person."

Relocating Homecoming to the fieldhouse allowed Student Government to avoid limiting the number of attendants, according to Student Government sponsor Ms. Twila Marsh, Media Specialist, said.

"We were pleased," Ms. Marsh said. "It was a better

fit than the Commons. Students were all contained in one area and it was easier to chaperone. The traffic between the dance floor, pictures and refreshments went smoothly."

## FOLLOW THE CROWD

As the last song played at Turnabout, Katelyn Laszlo, senior, and her group of 20 friends traveled to the Grand Luxe Café in Chicago in a white stretch Escalade limousine.

By not purchasing flowers, buying couple tickets, or taking couple pictures the group saved about \$100 allowing them to rent the Escalade limousine, according to Katelyn.

"We usually went to Amanda Schulte's house and ate Chinese food, but we decided to go all out," Katelyn said. "We knew this would be the one of the last dances we would all go to."

The one hitch, however, of a large group going to a restaurant happened when they had to wait over an hour to receive dinner.

"The restaurant did not take reservations, so we had to wait over an hour," said Olivia Gershman, senior. "Then, the restaurant decided to split the group. We weren't seated until midnight. However, the smaller the tables meant the food came out faster."

Instead of going out, senior Berlyn Boswell's group stayed the night at her house.

The group of 26 decided ordering in proved a better option. Everyone chipped in \$20 to

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**ROYAL SUIT** While dancing as Prom King and Queen, seniors Marissa Sylvester and Adam White relate that they voted for each other. "I felt honored to be chosen over all those other boys," Adam said.



**STARRY NIGHT** As they search for their balloon, Jeff Heintz and Maureen Shields, seniors, joke around at Homecoming. For the James Bond 007 theme, star-shaped balloons covered the fieldhouse bleacher wall. "I liked the theme because it was cool for the graduating seniors," Maureen said.

**UP IN ARMS** Surrounded by friends at the Homecoming dance, Tammy Lee, senior, starts up the dancing. "Riyona Abraham's dad was the DJ, so I thought it was more fun," Tammy said. "He played more hip-hop and techno and had a good range of selection of songs to dance to."

# friends & changes make dances

## PICTURE PERFECT

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cover the cost of food and beverages.

"We decided going out wasn't fun, and wanted to get out of our dresses," Lisa Weichman, senior, said. "We ordered 30 Pizza Hut pizzas."

At the end of the night the two groups found location did not impact their experience.

"Being with friends was the best thing," Greg Schmitt, senior, said. "It was getting down to school being over, so it was just fun to hang out with everyone."

### BETTER OFF ALONE

Under the faux New York City skyline, Alesondra Mora, junior, handed her student ID to Mr. Marc Lehnerer, English teacher, and made her way to the dance floor, solo.

"My date got mono at the last minute," Alesondra said. "He would've gone, but I didn't want him to inflict a plague upon the school."

With her \$75 ticket and updo in tact, Alesondra made the most of her night.

"I lost money paying for the boutonniere and I had already bought the couples ticket, but it was totally worth it," Alesondra said. "In the end, I was glad I didn't have to stick to one person the entire night."

Instead of counting on a date, Jessie Osegueda, senior, planned to go with a group of her friends from the beginning.

"It was fun and better because I didn't feel I had to impress anybody," Jessie said.

Because a stag ticket was only half the price, Jessie decided to go all out for her last prom.

"My hair was the expensive part," Jessie said. "I figured it was the last dance, so why not go all out? I didn't have a fancy dress, though."

Without a date, the only parts her group missed were the Grand March and the formal

pictures, according to Jessie. But, with friends, she didn't let that dent her evening.

"I just danced during the slow songs with friends," Jessie said. "Senior year prom was definitely all it was cracked up to be."

### FORK OUT THE MONEY

After spring break, the 10 Junior Class Executive Council (CEC) members filed into sponsor Mr. Marc Lehnerer's classroom. Meeting twice a week, members discussed Disc Jockey (DJ) options and theme decorations to make Prom night unforgettable.

"The hardest part was making sure everything was ordered," CEC member Pero Ogrizovich, junior, said. "Then there was the fiasco with the favors, but the company knocked down the price so that they were free."

With one fewer cost, the Junior CEC had more money than they expected; but still had to pay for the DJ, hall, security and decorations. The task was simple because most of the money came from previous fundraisers, according to Junior CEC member Sam Kasmark.

The tickets, priced at \$75 a couple and \$37.50 for singles, sold at all lunches, adding up to 561 tickets, the highest number sold in school history, according to Mr. Lehnerer.

As ticket sales jumped and people complained about the crowding at Villa Caesar, Junior CEC moved the dance to the Halls of Saint George in Schererville.

"The main reason we moved the dance was for size," Sam said. "Halls of St. George was bigger, less expensive and the food was much better. Most people liked the change."

**SHOW 'N' AWE** Sitting at her table, Mary Van Dursen, senior, looks at the pictures on her digital camera with her boyfriend Jake Pelletier, senior, from Bishop Noll. "I took a lot of pictures at Prom because I wanted to have all of those memories," Mary said.



**IN THE SHADE** At the entrance of Halls of Saint George, Elissa Moll, senior, arrives at Prom in a limousine. Everyone in Elissa's group wore aviator sunglasses to shield their eyes and go along with the theme City Lights. "The weather was beautiful, sunny and warm," Elissa said. "It was perfect for Prom."



**SWAY AWAY** Dressed in matching shades of red, seniors John Strong and Jackie Boyle sway to the last slow song at Turnabout. "For every dance we just had his tie match my

dress," Jackie said. "So for Turnabout we switched it up and had his shirt match." After the dance, Jackie, John, and their group of 20 friends ate at Cafe Borgia in Lansing.





**LONDON BRIDGE** At Turnabout, Katie Szafarz, senior, jokes around with her friends Eunice Ntamoah and. "I loved to dance the entire time with my date or with my friends," Katie said. "It was more fun away from my date sometimes because I wasn't tied down to one person." Katie enjoyed the extra space in the fieldhouse during Homecoming and Turnabout.

**CLAP HAPPY** During the Cha-Cha-Slide, Drew Bogs, sophomore, claps to the beat. "I liked the large group dances because I got to act silly and stupid in front of everyone, and no one judged me for it," Drew said. Drew attended Homecoming stag because he didn't want the pressure or responsibility of worrying about what a date wanted to do.

## turning the TABLES

What was your favorite Turnabout moment?

"I had to fill my car with gas before the dance so I did it in my dress. Over the intercom it said 'Will the person at pump 6 please come inside,' so I did and the cashier hit on me and gave me his number."

**Molly Poczontek, junior**

"I didn't like how everyone took pictures as they came in. It wasted an hour before we got to start dancing."

**Demetrios Pittas, sophomore**

"I brought in a picture when I got my hair done and told the hairdresser to do my hair exactly as the picture. She kept trying to give me suggestions and I said 'no, make it like the picture.' When she finished it looked like the total opposite and I had to redo my hair."

**Nicole Montella, freshman**

"The music was better. There were more songs you could actually dance to."

**Justin Newman, junior**

"We were late for our reservation and ran back to the table to get our stuff. I found one of my shoes under the table but couldn't find the other. It took 12 people and 10 minutes to find the other shoe which was two tables away."

**Katie Martino, senior**



**WHAT NOW** Separated from her date, Amanda Porter, sophomore, busts a move to a song with her friends. "I tried to make the most of every song," Amanda said. "Turnabout was the best dance because the DJ played more crazy songs to dance to."

**CHECK IN** To get into Prom, Kara Spurlock, senior, shows Miss Valerie Pitum, Senior CEC sponsor, her ticket and driver's license. Kara brought her friend Jaime Perez, senior, from Bishop Noll as her date. "It was a hassle to get the date from faxed in," Kara said.

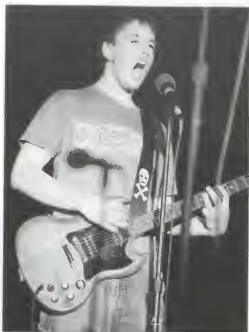


"My friends and I didn't go to Turnabout because we went to Homecoming and wanted to rebel. We had a guy's night and just chilled out."

**Zakk Tritsch, freshman**

**DOUBLE TROUBLE** Caught in the "Heisman" pose, Berlyn Boswell, senior, and her brother Ian, sophomore, dance during the talent show. "Battle was the first time my brother was ever on stage," Berlyn said. "It was fun for me to share my love of dance with my family."

**ALL TIED UP** In front of his peers, Mike Cummins, senior, sings vocals for Maestro. "I was surprised Browner Than James didn't win outright," Mike said. "They played better and had better song choice." Mike had experience from playing with his former band Who's Next.



**ON KEY** As Dana Wold plays the keyboard, she sings on key as well. "At first I was really nervous, but once we started performing, and I saw all of my friends, I felt better," Dana said. Everybody supported her band, according to Dana.







**BEAT IT** As Dan Linneer, sophomore, keeps the beat, he listens for his next cue. "Battle was a great experience," Dan said. "I never played in front of so many of my friends before." Black and White consisted of all sophomore members.



#### DRUM ROLL, PLEASE

Mind focused on his drum, Pat Speranza, sophomore, plays his snare solo for the crowd. "I felt great," Pat said. "I was used to performing and I knew that I could play my solo well." Pat received a perfect score for the solo at the state ISSMA competition.



**SHOUT IT OUT** While he grips the microphone tight, Tony Bissonette, sophomore, screams out the lyrics of "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd. "Once I got on the stage, I began to relax and just enjoyed the music," Tony said.

## loud & clear in BATTLE'S TIE

After three talent acts cleared the stage, five bands **competed** for first place at Student Government's Battle of the Bands fundraiser for Riley's Children's Hospital. Battle ended in a tie and raised **record-breaking** funds for charity.

As Battle of the Bands attendants waited anxiously, Student Body President Joey Domenico, senior, emerged from behind the curtain to reveal the winning band. To everyone's surprise, the contest ended in a tie for first place between Browner than James and Maestro.

"People were disappointed because everyone rooted for their favorite band," Student Government sponsor Miss Sarah Szarmach, history teacher, said. "It was nice though because more bands could be recognized for all of their hard practices. Both bands were very good in my opinion. The judges gave them both high scores."

**BOTTOMS UP** Battle of the Bands had more variety including the Blues Brothers Review, a blues band decked out in suits, top hats, and sunglasses. In the midst of their performance, Molly White, junior, belts out one of numerous blues songs. "I was happy that we brought a new flavor to Battle," Molly said. "We had a unique sound." Dressed in his Blues Brothers attire, John-Michael Mulesa, plays the saxophone. "I had a ball," John-Michael said. "It was an incredible feeling." Fingers in place, Paul Allrecht-Mallinger, senior, blasts the sound of his trumpet to the audience. Waiting for his cue, Marc Campos, junior, takes a break in the song.

Judges Mr. Joshua Herold, history teacher; Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, U.S. History teacher; Miss Jennifer Luksich, Spanish teacher; Miss Jennifer Bulla, English teacher; Mr. John Huber, English and history teacher; and Mr. Marc Lehner, English teacher all ranked the bands on three categories: stage performance, how well they entertained the audience; sound quality; and group technique, how well the members

worked together and played each instrument.

Bands practiced together for weeks before Battle, according to member of Browner than James, Steve Kerber, senior.

"During the two weeks before Battle, we practiced close to 10 hours a week," Steve said. "We needed to make sure we had the timing down for all the songs."

On the other hand, Maestro felt crunched for time because they had to learn the last cover song two days prior to the competition.

"I was happy with the tie because I was good friends with the people in the other band, and we both practiced a lot," Maestro member Dan Johnson, senior, said. "It was the best result for us because I thought they were amazing and I wasn't sure if we could beat them."

Musicians in Battle of the Band performed for different reasons. Maestro members played because they loved music. Member of Blues Brothers' Review, Molly White, junior, had been performing on stage since she was little and had worked with the other members before.

"I worked with some of the people in middle school," Molly said. "We took music lessons at the same place and we played a lot of blues music there. When John-Michael Mulesa asked me to sing, I was delighted to join the band."

**HELPING HEART** Using her notebook, Allie Hurwich, freshman, counts the number of boxes filled with clothing and medical supplies. Project X members worked with Hearts in Motion and collected materials to help Guatemalan residents. "It was freezing outside that day," Allie said.

**MIXED BAG** Surrounded by bags of canned goods, seniors Joey Domenico and Kate Varnum sort through donations for Student Government's Food Drive. "Teachers were great at encouraging students to participate," Kate said.



## Mallory McShane

Junior



"Theater Company took up a lot of time. Every rehearsal was a sum of the effort of hard-working individuals. There was not only memorization, but also physical work, such as for blocking or dancing. The hard work was paid off on the show nights after the audience applauded us for our months of time-consuming practice. Plus, I had more responsibility as a Student Director during the winter show."

## Kurt Alberson

Freshman



"I did the broadcasting event for speech. It was a unique event where they gave me a topic and information and I had to write a commercial or a newscast. I met with my coaches twice a week. We went over articles and current events to prepare for different competitions. I spent about two hours a week and the work was fun, not unbearable. It paid off because I did well and made it to state."



**RAT A-TAT-TAT** While keeping the beat for the other drummers, Kathryn Wadas, junior, taps out the tempo. "I found African Drum interesting because instead of just learning about music, we learned about the vast culture of the people," Kathryn said. African Drum and Dance Ensemble performed at choir concerts, Battle of the Bands, local churches and nursery homes.



**GATE KEEPER** In the auditorium lobby, Nick Stolfren, junior, collects tickets for Battle of the Bands. Student Government sponsored the show to benefit Riley's Children Hospital. "Students are a part of society and it was important for them to learn how to give back," Nick said.

**LOOKING LOW** Eyes on her posting, Cristina Vanko, senior, verifies her rank from her speech round. Cristina's events, Memorized Duo and Humorous Interpretation, allowed her to be creative. "My partner and I worked a lot," Cristina said. "We practiced twice a week for an hour."



# Volunteers raise FUNDS WHILE Boxing up points

Copper pennies and silver nickels spilled onto the table as Zach Perlinski, senior, emptied the yellow cardboard boxes that contained Pennies for Patients donations.

As a Project X member, Zach volunteered to count the spare change and occasional dollars donated the Pennies for Patients fundraiser, which gave aid to leukemia patients.

"It was a good cause," Project X sponsor Ms. Darlene Acosta, attendance secretary, said. "When you were in a position to help those who were less fortunate, you just had to."

Project X offered a pizza party to the study hall that collected the most money. The reward induced competition between Mr. Mike Signorelli and Ms. Shonna Seiger's classes, but Mr. Steven Lopez's fourth hour grabbed first place when the class donated \$150 on the last day for a total of \$307.10.

During the year, clubs had fund raisers that benefited charities on local and national levels.

DECA members walked from house to house in the community and collected money for Muscular Dystrophy Inc.

A week later, Plaza Lanes in Highland sponsored an afternoon of free bowling, along with pizza and pop, for DECA members who raised \$40 or more for the organization.

"Going door to door was tough and frustrating, especially at times when residents shut their doors and didn't even listen to our pitch," Marcin Kuzma, sophomore, said. "But bowling for an afternoon was fun and a good way to let off steam after school."

While service clubs aided charities, National Honor Society (NHS) worked to organize various bake sales throughout the year. Members baked a dozen cookies or brownies for one service point and the money from selling sugary concoctions to students became the scholarship awarded to the senior with the most service points at the end of the year.

"We had little money left in our account at the beginning of the year," Golnoosh Kamali, senior, said. "We had to get money for the candles and other things used during induction ceremonies. We also wanted to give a scholarship, so the officers decided to have as many bake sales to make it possible."

NHS raised \$1,000, enough to give out their usual scholarship amount. Officers learned the reward of working as a team to have successful fund raisers, according to Golnoosh.

"The leaders worked to organize the sales," Golnoosh said. "But the entire club contributed to help us meet our goal."



**PUSHING LUCK** At the Indiana Welcome Center's Christmas concert, Patrick Raycroft, freshman, plays with the trumpet section. Patrick almost missed the concert because he misplaced his instrument. "We practiced about 10 times for that concert," Patrick said.

**FULL CIRCLE** To help with circulation, Annie Pellicciotti, junior, staples a mailing wrapper on *Crier* issues. The *Crier* staff exchanged publications with high schools around the country. "We could compare the papers and see how we could change ours," Annie said.

# Put in time TO HIT High notes

Sloppy, wet slush poured onto the frozen windshield of the yellow school bus smeared with black sludge and chunks of salt.

After snailing through five hours of thick traffic on Interstate 65, the bus carrying choir students from the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competition finally turned into the snow-covered parking lot of the high school at 9 p.m. With their Saturday gone, choir members stepped off the bus into the cold and traveled directly home to sleep, according to Sarah Meggers, senior.

"That bus ride was the trip from hell," Sarah said. "Besides ISSMA, we put in time for individual practice, group rehearsal and concerts. My nights were always filled. I had to go to work later because of choir practice."

But while Sarah gave up week nights and the occasional Saturday for competitions, Speech and Debate members sacrificed whole weekends for the entire school year in order to compete in meets across the state.

"On Saturdays, Speech consumed my life," Elyse Estes, sophomore, said. "The earliest I had to get up was 3 a.m. in the morning. A typical Speech meet started at 8 a.m. and would end at 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. Then you had the bus ride home. But I felt like I had accomplished

something by the end of the day."

The achievement that members felt from participating in clubs outweighed the large amounts of time vested into preparation and research, according to Public Forum debater Nithin Krishnan, sophomore.

"We did a lot of research," Nithin said. "If you wanted to do well you had to research a lot, about 30 minutes a day."

Along with the heavy research load, the competition became tiring, Nithin explained.

"The three rounds lasted 40 minutes," Nithin said. "It was definitely draining. I felt tired and drained after arguing."

During the a deadline week, Paragon staffers also found themselves fatigued, according to editor-in-chief Lizzie Browder, senior.

"Our deadlines were extremely hard to meet," Lizzie said. "We had a lot of pages due in a short amount of time, but it resulted in better coverage. Our best ideas came under pressure."

Whether club participants spent time practicing scales, making a deadline or reviewing arguments, club involvement took a lot of effort, patience and time.

## SWEET SUCCESS

Discussing theme ideas at Borders in Highland, staffers Alyssa Spungen and Sarah Johnson, juniors, listen from across the table. "We went to Borders because we needed to put in time outside of school and it gave us a relaxed environment," Sarah said. Sarah was the design editor of the yearbook.



## CARRY THE WEIGHT

As a kind gesture, Rose Nowicki, sophomore, carries a tray during the Speech and Debate Chicken Barbecue Dinner. "I volunteered to carry trays," Rose said. "It was fun because we got to interact with members of the community."

## SWEET SUCCESS

At a National Honor Society bake sale, seniors Jeff Chou, Joey Scholtz and Jason Han sell baked goods to Mary Hill, sophomore, Tabitha Strong, junior, and seniors Matt Lipinski and Austin Piech, on the final day of the sale.

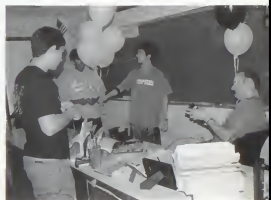






**THIS ONE TIME** Music attached to her arm, Jordan Newman, freshman, plays music at the Homecoming Pep Rally. According to Jordan, while Pep Band was mostly fun and games, she found Marching Band a challenge. "During the summer we had band camp from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and we had two hours of camp after school on Tuesdays," Jordan said.

**MONEY TALKS** Balloons in hand, Robin Jiang, sophomore, sells during Homecoming. DECA sold balloons to raise money to fund their competitions. "Getting sellers to every class in the entire school was timing," Robin said. "But in DECA, we did a lot of work and had a lot of team members so it wasn't too bad."



#### SWEET SUCCESS

Dressed in her Color Guard gear, Jackie Alvarado, freshman, performs her routine at a football home game in the fall. Jackie followed her sister's legacy by joining Color Guard. "We practiced from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Band and another two hours for Color Guard," Jackie said. "Because of that my summer was booked."

#### IN TUNE

Geared up in her Marching Band uniform, Stephanie Sepiol, sophomore, plays before the Homecoming game. The Marching Band had to be at school before first hour at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and practiced every day from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. "It was worth the work when everyone gave equally," Stephanie said.



**Kim Wiers**  
senior

"For theater you had to be really dedicated. You had to have a love and a passion for it. It was really awesome if you did it well. It became difficult balancing time with school and theater because I got stressed having homework, tests and rehearsals. It was definitely worth it in the end when you saw everything come together."

#### FEEL THE RHYTHM

At African Drum and Dance Ensemble practice, Meagan Lynch, freshman, beats her drum in Dr. Tim Bartlett's room. According to Meagan, the club took a lot of concentration in the beginning. "It looked easy, but it was hard work," Meagan said. "It took a while to get, but in the end, it was cool sounding."

**Andrew Frye**  
sophomore



"Auditorium staff was definitely time consuming. It came in waves: There were times where there were events and rehearsals every night, and then there were times where nobody was doing anything. It took a lot of work, and it took up a lot of free time; it was hard getting homework done. But if you enjoyed it you really didn't mind."

## FLOWER POWER

For National Honor Society, president Kristy Anderson, senior, sells chocolate flowers in February for Valentine's Day. "I enjoyed the work," Kristy said. "I got to hear about the work other people did and I got to hear the compliments they received."

**CLEAN SWEEP** Dumping out a classroom's recycling bin, Rachel McMahon, senior, performs her monthly duty to gain hours for Project X. "I didn't really see volunteering as hard work," Rachel said. "It made me feel better to be able to help out even though it was technically work."



**WALK THE LINE** At the head of the Color Guard, Kim Wiers, senior, marches in the Homecoming parade. According to Kim, being on Color Guard took a lot of rehearsal time at the beginning of the year. "We put in a lot of hours," Kim said. "We worked three times a week for two hours. The hardest part was getting everyone to do everything together."



**Aava Khatiwada**  
sophomore



"Project X was totally different than previous years because there was a requirement for each person to work 4 hours each month. Although it was hard, it made it so we really made a difference. We also tried to spread our volunteering all over the place. We did recycling at school, but we also reached out to the community through the police department and the Humane Society."

**Joe Krupa**  
freshman



"To do well in DECA you had to practice. I went to Mr. Lewis' study sessions during the week to prepare myself for competition and it got me all the way to Nationals. The practice tests seemed like a waste of time at first, but once I got into them, I buckled down. DECA really just took hard work, dedication, and concentration. There wasn't much else you could do to prepare yourself."



## FEEL THE RHYTHM

Surrounded by her fellow African drummers, Bridget Parker, senior, taps her drum to the beat. The group got together on Sundays and practiced in the Choir room. "I knew that there would be a lot of work," Bridget said. "Being a percussionist, I knew it took a lot so I was expecting the worst."

## SNUG AS A BUG

Dressed in layers to keep out the cold, Jennifer Ridder, sophomore, loads boxes filled with supplies to send to Guatemala as part of Project X's bid to help Hearts in Motion. "Project X was all about work, but it was alright with me because we helped people that were in need," Jennifer said.



# Teens pour EFFORT INTO Performance

Sitting in Mr. Kent Lewis', business teacher, classroom, Sidarth Dasari, sophomore, worked fervently on an old practice test after school in preparation for the upcoming International DECA meet that was held in Orlando.

Competition in the school environment stretched not only across the academic board, but spilled into clubs too. Students in clubs such as Speech and Debate, Science Olympiad, Orchestra and Band, to name a few, competed at meets on the weekdays and weekends.

Students in these clubs spent hours preparing for meets and competitions during the week at home and after school.

"I had Speech practice twice or three times a week to get ready for State," Stephanie Sepiol, sophomore, said. "You couldn't just go to a meet, wing it, and hope for the best. Speech took a lot of energy and time after school. I was also helped by the fact that I did theater so I was used to public speaking."

With meets almost every weekend of the school year, Speech and Debate members found that preparation during the entire week became crucial. For Debate, evidence needed to be found and for Speech, members had to perfect their pronunciation and stance.

Though most competitions required lots of practice tests and trials to perfect things, Band and Orchestra had to learn to play different music in various settings.

"For Marching Band we not only had to learn the music, we had to carry the instrument and walk with it," Bryan Lee, senior said. "It was hard, but when we competed it was really worth it. All the hours we spent practicing with each other after school and over the summer really paid off."

Student devotion wasn't the only factor that came into play when clubs got ready to compete in competitions. Sponsors also took time out of their schedules to coach and help guide teams to achieve first place wins.

"Mr. Lewis always held practice sessions for DECA twice a week," Robin Jiang, sophomore, said. "He dug out practice tests from past years and left his room open so we could practice for State and Nationals. His involvement really helped our team actually make it to Nationals. If he weren't so involved and hadn't pushed us to try our best, we probably wouldn't have gotten as far."

It seemed that all the practicing and hours spent after school paid off as Sidarth stepped off the plane into Orlando National Airport.

"Making it to Nationals made everything worth it," Sidarth said.



**BUILDING UP** Eyes glued to her monitor, Nicole Hong, junior, builds her spread for an upcoming *Crier*. "You can't appreciate how much work it took unless you did it. We worked hard and stayed after school but it was worth it to see your name in print," Nicole said.



## TOOT YOUR HORN

Trumpet pointed to the sky, Dan Umlauf, senior, marches in the Homecoming parade. "Marching band was more involved than regular band. We

had to learn formations and walk with our instruments while playing," Dan said. "Seeing the end result of all our hard work was amazing."

# Beyond long hours

## CLUBS ADD PLAY

# INTO THEIR MIX

Arms tired from stringing red and silver ribbons together through prom pamphlets, Junior Class Executive Council member Tashi Damjanovich, junior, helped prepare for Prom with two weeks left before the big day.

"Everything that had to do with Prom was stressful," Tashi said. "Everything you saw looked like it could be done in a day, but it took months of preparation. The most stressful part was pleasing everyone."

Although clubs seemed stressful to outsiders, fun activities allowed members to let loose with others. With clubs like Debate and Yearbook requiring dedication and endurance for long nights, they still brightened their days with fun moments.

"When we made really late deadlines, somebody usually brought in random food and either we would pig out or become slap-happy from being there from 4-11 p.m.," student-life editor, Alyssa Spungen, junior, said.

Debate members also enjoyed downtime between impromptu speaking and letting out aggression to prove a point. Hanging out with friends for long periods of time made it all worth while, according to Alex Atvigs, senior.

While Debate members argued, Speech member, Clark Remmers, freshman, inter-

preted different characters in his duo piece. Although he spent 30 minutes to an hour practicing with duo partner, Hunter Muckel, freshman, Clark still enjoyed pretending to be a different person in front of other people.

"Performing was making imagination because you could make another character out of yourself," Clark said. "Being distant from this world for 10 minutes was great."

Even though clubs took a major time commitment, Student Government member Megan McKechnie, junior, found the work aspects rewarding. Student Government organized the blood drive, Battle of the Bands, the food drive and the fall pep rally.

"One of the fun aspects of Student Government was organizing the pep rally because we were in charge of bringing the whole school together," Megan said. "Another fun part was the State Convention because we met other Student Government members and learned leadership skills."

When the skyline dipped signaling the end of the night, students traipsed out the door, noticing that Junior CEC's hard work paid off creating a memorable night.

**PICK A CARD** Just about to say "Go Fish," Maya Zaragoza, senior, plays a card game with Jessie Osegueda, senior, during Paragon's Secret Santa. "Yearbook was serious, but there were also fun times," Maya said.



**CHIT CHAT** While cast members were on stage, Alyssa Spungen, junior, and Sarah Roque, sophomore, wait for their cues in the winter play. "I didn't have a big part, so Alyssa entertained me," Sara said.

**CHECK IT OUT** Eyes admiring his Spanish Club T-shirt, Martin Ortiz, sophomore, collects his shirt after school. "I liked the saying on the shirt because it was really clever," Martin said.







#### TASTE OF CULTURE

Filling up her plate with food, Tammy Montella, freshman, explores the taste of different cultures. "I went to the foreign language party to have fun with friends and to learn more about Spanish," Tammy said.

#### LOVE CONNECTION

Ready to hand out DECA Data Matches, Robin Jiang, sophomore, searches for Amanda Porter's, sophomore, data match. "It was cool to see everyone's reaction when they got their data match," Robin said.

#### THINK FAST

Hands rocking in the air to an improvisational game, Hunter Muckel, freshman, plays with the rest of his cast. "A lot of people got into the game, and it was funny to see different ideas people had," Hunter said.



**Jessica Hilbrich**  
junior



"I couldn't see myself without Debate. I liked the structure, and I liked having the evidence to back my points up. Debate also helped with stressful situations because compared to Debate nothing seemed quite as difficult. Debate has really shaped my personality in high school and in everything else."

**Paige Patterson**  
freshman



"I really liked performing speeches, and I loved meeting people from different schools and hearing their different pieces. I liked how my piece, 'The Hallmark Generation,' talked about compassion. In speech, I especially liked number one rankings, ribbons and NFL points."

#### HOPE FLOATS

Focused on pumping sheets of paper, juniors Lazarick Whitlock and Tashi Damjanovich complete the junior float. "Our class worked to make it better," Lazarick said.



**SUGAR HIGH** Knife-  
powered to create his gingerbread  
person, Russell Gonzalez, junior,  
carves into the graham cracker.  
"It looked like a Frankenstein  
cracker," Russell said. "I ended  
up throwing it away because I  
was disgusted with my creation."



#### SHOW-AND-TELL

Arms raised while dancing  
in the *Manne* chorus line, Sara  
Galante, junior, completes a  
set of jazz hands while stand-  
ing barefoot. "It was too hard  
to spin on the stage with shoes  
on," Sara said.



**Nikkida  
Graham**  
junior



"Tie-dyeing  
T-shirts was  
definitely the  
best activity that  
Art Club did. They  
had buckets and  
buckets of dye  
to make them. It  
was fun because  
you were allowed  
to be creative and  
show off your  
talent. I mostly  
just watched  
everybody  
dyeing them. The  
coolest thing was  
watching Adam  
Cooper work  
on his projects  
because of his  
creativity."

**Jon  
Velchek**  
senior



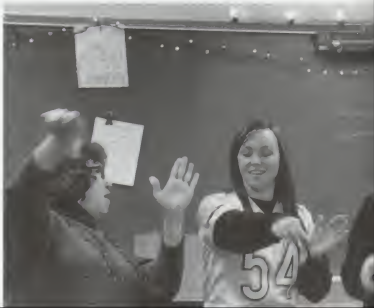
"When German  
Club went to  
the Chicago Fire  
game, I had an  
amazing time. It  
was a situation  
we didn't  
normally get  
to have. When  
they won was  
probably the  
most exciting  
part. I was so  
enthusiastic  
and screaming.  
Soccer's a  
European  
sport and just  
becoming  
popular in the  
States now so  
that was why we  
went there."



**SPARE ME** To raise  
money for the DECA muscular  
dystrophy fund-raiser, Danny  
DeReal, senior, shows his part  
by bowling. "I bowled so ter-  
ribly that day," Danny said. "It  
was so much fun eating all the  
free pizza, though."

#### SEEING SHEETS

Searching through the data  
matches, Supriya Shah, sopho-  
more, mingles with fellow  
DECA member Neelam Vac-  
chani, sophomore. "It was fun  
to see the people's expressions  
when they got their results,"  
Supriya said.



# Seeking a break

FROM ROUTINE, MEMBERS

# Carve out fun

After strenuous hours of non-stop brainstorming, discussing for days on end and planning months in advance, club members' time preparing paid off. From *Fromage* parties to professional soccer games, students took part in activities for which they equally participated in and partied on.

As a German Club officer, Keriann Ballanco, junior, sat thinking at the German Club meeting discussing future plans with Mrs. Frau Meier, German teacher, to reach a decision. The officers agreed on the March 21 date for the foreign language party. As long as it was as good as the ginger-bread making, it would be successful, according to Keriann.

"We had to bring in candy to decorate the houses," Keriann said. "I brought in M&M's, Twizzlers, Kisses and gum drops, but I didn't get to eat it because I dropped it."

African Drum Club celebrated learning in a different kind of way, according to Kathryn Wadas, junior, by calling in professionals to help teach drumming lessons.

"It really wasn't something you got to do everyday," Kathryn said. "It gave me a chance to explore other cultures. We did a lot of gigs around the state, but the best was the drummers coming in. They taught us new things. It was fun and original."

While foreign languages cooked and African Drum Club learned technique, Project X helped people, according to Drew Bogs, freshman.

"Helping people was something I really liked to do," Drew said. "I wanted it to be part of my profession when I was older. When we recycled and worked at the State Street Center to feed the hungry, it really made me feel good."

For foreign exchange student, Gabriel Behar, senior, Spanish Club became an interesting club to partake in because he knew and already spoke the language.

"The best thing we did all year was the Mana Concert in Chicago," Gabriel said. "It was the only thing we did outside of school besides the Fire Game, but Chicago Fire wasn't that good. Mana group happens to be my favorite band."

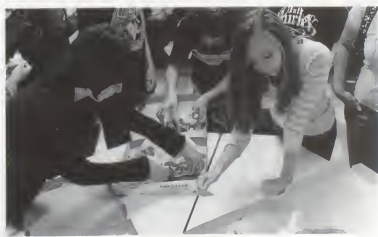
Bringing all the foreign languages together became another reason to celebrate when the foreign language party took place.

"The party was awesome because it wasn't just American Sign Language," Kaitlin said. "All the language clubs were there. German Club's Scramble for Pretzels game was my absolute favorite part. I got to see Alex Cohen scramble for food. The whole point of the game was to eat the pretzel in the fastest time possible and win, but instead of dangling it in her face to help her out, I dangled it so that she would make a fool of herself and miss it completely."

Even though clubs put in time and effort to complete their tasks, having fun and joining in on downtime and relaxation made it fun.

**REACH FOR PIE** About to grab a slice of pizza, Deanna Sylvester, freshman, parties with Art Club. "I wasn't in any clubs before. My friends had joined Art Club, so I joined too. I really liked art also," Deanna said.

**HAPPY HANDS** As fellow ASL club members sign "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Alyssa Hruskoc, senior, looks on during the Christmas party. "Getting involved was fun," Alyssa said. "I got to know a lot of new people."



## SPEAKING TERMS

While catching up with Valparaiso's Mark Blaine, senior, Cristina Vanko, senior, checks over a note sheet. "I met people with unique personalities at speech meets," Cristina said.

#### DRESSED TO PEP

Fingers poised over her clarinet, Stephanie Sepiol, sophomore, performs with Pep Band. Having placed a bow in her hair, Stephanie showed her band spirit. "We tried to show spirit in Pep Band. Themes helped keep everyone lively and fun," Stephanie said.

#### ROLL OUT

Hands out in front of her, Chakori Macherla, senior, stands before Aisha Siddiqui, senior. While bowling for Muscular Dystrophy through DECA, club members still found ways to bond with their friends. "It was just our idea to bowl crazy," Chakori said.



#### Erin Montgomery

freshman



"In German Club, one of the activities was a trip to Chicago. We went to go see a German-based play. We also got to go to the German Christmas market. I got to spend time over there and buy a lot of authentic German foods, souvenirs, and everything."

#### Kurt Leeney

sophomore



"For DECA, it was a good thing to meet new people from all around Indiana. Everyone was centralized in one hotel [during the state competition] so there was a lot of socializing and a lot of times I hung out with my friends. Specifically, we went to the mall and the food court during State. I hung out more with people I already knew because I studied with them."

#### BABY CAKES

Mardi Gras French Club party in motion, Nisha Raiker, junior, unwraps a chocolate cupcake. Nisha joined foreign language clubs to learn about different cultures and for the social aspect. "I got to hang out with friends while learning about culture," Nisha said.

#### LISTEN UP

Guitar propped on her lap, Stephanie Bugyis, sophomore, turns her music sheet. During the holidays, Stephanie and the entire rhythm section distinctly distinguished themselves. "Our rhythm section all wore something that would unify just us," Stephanie said.



# To create close ties

## STUDENTS

# Band together

Lyrics to "You Are My Fire" by the Backstreet Boys streaming out of their mouths, Debate Team members serenaded each other on the bus ride to Columbia City to pass the time.

According to third-year policy debater Jon Meritt, junior, Debate handed the opportunity to talk and become friends with peers he otherwise would not interact with as often as he hoped.

"Chris [Kennelly, senior,] was quite a character, just like the other members on the Policy [team] and the rest of the team," Jon said.

Chris capitalized on a need for pizza at an overnight debate meet by purchasing a supply for the team and then selling the slices at a "steep price" to make a profit, according to Jon.

However others, like second-year policy debater Meagan Yothment, junior, ordered their own pizza rather than complying to inflated prices.

### BOB FOR PRETZELS

Hands tied, Krystina Liput, senior, grabs for a pretzel with her teeth. She decided to participate in the game because it seemed fun, but she also liked to see her friends during club parties. "I liked meeting new people and seeing my friends. I didn't have classes with," Krystina said.

**CHIPS 'N' DIP** Reaching for more chips and salsa, Darryl Dedelow Jr., senior, celebrated World Language Week. As Spanish Club treasurer, Darryl tried to create a friendly environment for the underclassmen. "Whenever we had events I enjoyed meeting and greeting new members," Darryl said.

"[My friends and I] liked to order pizza late at night, listen to music, act crazy, talk and, of course, prep for the upcoming meet," Meagan said.

Meagan decided to join Speech and Debate out of the encouragement she received from her friends that were already on the team.

Similarly, first year member Tyler Schwartz, sophomore, joined DECA due to friends.

"When I joined I knew a lot

of my friends were in the club," Tyler said.

Occupied with competition rounds the morning of State, Tyler and his friends hung out at the near by mall during down time.

"We went to the mall and got ice cream. The girls would shop and the guys would just hang out," Tyler said. "I had some of my best friends and my girlfriend, Alisa [Bochnowski, freshman], it was the ultimate team."

As an incoming freshman, Katherine Andreatos, saw joining French Club as an extra chance also to hang out with the friends she already had as well as meeting new people.

"I met a lot of upperclassmen and became really close with them," Katherine said.

Katherine also found lasting relationships by taking part in club activities.

"By joining clubs I felt that it made high school life a little bit easier," Katherine said. "I knew more people and so I could go to more people for help if I needed any."

Likewise, when Art Club Vice President Jake Krismanic, senior, was a freshman, he too interacted with older club members.

"I met people in higher art classes that I would not have met through my classes," Jake said.

Finished with the Backstreet Boys sound track and moving to 'N SYNC, debaters continued to connect with one another while remaining each others competitors.

"As debaters, we had a sense of pride. We were all really good friends and we had a good time debating," Jon said.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Engaged in conversation, Sonja Vasic and Megan Rutch, seniors, talk about their days at a foreign language party. "All my friends were officers so it was fun," Megan said.

**Mike  
Konopasek**  
senior



"As President of ASL Club, I was in charge of a lot of important club aspects. The officers met and thought of new things to do. We were in charge of everything from our field trip to the Indiana State School for the Deaf to our random parties just for fun. We also organized a trip to the Highland Deaf Theater, and we went caroling during the holidays. We got to sign Christmas songs in the local deaf community which meant a lot to all of us."

**Nicole  
Montella**  
freshman



"Being president of Freshman CEC required a lot of patience and organization because you had to accept everyone's ideas. For instance, we were running the concession stand during the Arts and Crafts fair, and we had to all decide what food to serve out of 15 choices. We all had to work together and compromise, so we were all happy and this was what made us successful!"

**ON THE ROAD** Before leaving for Debate State, Stephen Ong, junior, loads his luggage on the bus. "Debate changed the way I thought," Stephen said. "I developed a variety of understanding."



**SNAP SHOT** On the lookout for the perfect Homecoming picture, Stephanie Gorman and Lauren Fuehrmeyer, juniors, ready to shoot. "You had to shoot a lot to get the best quality of photos," Stephanie said.



**LEAD THE WAY**

While guiding the band, John-Michael Mulesa, senior, marches at the Homecoming parade. "Since I was Drum Major, it gave me an amazing opportunity to advance my leadership ability," John-Michael said. "I also met new people I probably would never have met without band."

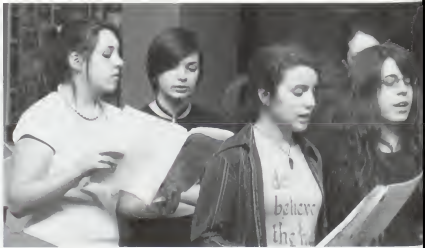


**COOKIE CUTTERY**

After cutting out cookies for Art Club, Brittany Maul, freshman, finishes decorating them. "We made the cookies for Valentine's Day," Brittany said.

**SING OUT LOUD**

In the lobby with Women's Ensemble, Mallory McChane, junior, rehearses for the Pops Concert. "Ensembles helped my vocal ability grow," Mallory said.



# Talent grows as STUDENTS Focus on skills

With weight of team expectations on their shoulders, Viraj Maniar and Robin Jiang, sophomores, listened attentively to hear their results at DECA State.

The pressure was on, according to Viraj. "Last year Robin and I got sixth at State," Viraj said. "We were three spots away from qualifying for Internationals."

The pressure finally lifted as Viraj's and Robin's names echoed through the speaker as DECA National qualifiers.

The team expected success, according to Viraj. "Nationals was my goal," Viraj said. "Last year we were really nervous, but this year we were so much more confident."

The partners' business test also improved significantly, according to Viraj.

**GROUP EFFORT** Deep in thought at an Academic Team competition, Naveen Chaudhary, senior, decides on an answer with his group. "The team helped my group thinking when it was difficult to answer on my own," Naveen said.

"DECA was difficult for us sophomores because we couldn't take business classes like the upper-classmen could," Viraj said.

"But I knew it would help me major in business someday."

Success soared in more

places than just DECA, however.

Carly Gibbs, junior, never imagined advancing to Speech Nationals.

"My freshman year I got seventh place at Districts," Carly said. "I got a ribbon, but I didn't qualify for Nationals. It still gave me hope for improvement, though."

In order to be successful, Carly gave it her all to improve, according to Carly.

"I competed in Extemp, which required me to keep up with the news and read magazines," Carly said. "I had to be more focused."

The hard work paid off, according to Carly.

"Speech really improved my work ethic and leadership skills," Carly said. "I definitely became more outgoing and more willing to speak up in class and with other people."

Club accomplishments left marks of success and shadows of pride as students remembered their club victories.

"Speech showed me that I actually had some natural talent and charisma," Carly said. "I couldn't wait to coach younger students so they could improve their own progress too."



**SIGN & SALUTE** Face to face, Jessie Osegueda and Alyssa Hruskocy, seniors, lead the pack. "We played games from the different clubs at our communal language party. It was fun to mingle with everyone and learn new things," Jessie said.



**WORK IT OUT** To tutor after school, Catie Lee, senior, explains the problem. "I didn't mind helping underclassman as a tutor for NHS." Catie said. "I remember what it was like to need help and seniors were always there."



**BRUSH OFF** While balancing carefully on a ladder, Melissa Lee, freshman, dusts a set. "I enjoyed being on the auditorium staff and being able to work behind the scenes," Melissa said. "I'm young and I learned a lot from the seniors."

**Katie Stout**  
senior



"We've been able to reach out to more people because Project X members were required to log four hours of volunteering a month. This rule helped reinforce what Project X was all about and enforced that everybody was an active member and not just doing it to get in the yearbook or to put on a college application."

**Jon Merritt**  
junior



"The bouche party was a really big event. We had a lot more cakes because the members made more of an effort to participate. Students were excited about the 1d's we used to ensure only members were at all of our French Club parties."



**ART N' ACTION** Art Club officers Jake Krismanick and Golnoosh Kamali tape art work before the show. "There was a lot of preparation that went into making the show work, but in the end it was worth it," Jake said.







**GET THE DIRT** Pen in hand, Katie Taylor, senior, interviews for a caption. "In yearbook we had to shed any fear we had of talking to others," Katie said. "You had to hunt down everyone even when you were dressed up."

## GROW

### MATTRESS CALL

Gathered on the stage, the cast of *One Upon a Mattress* have their final run full dress rehearsal before the show.



# As outlets for their interests, students Pick 'n Choose

Walking down the long hallway, Jeff Chou, senior, saw fluorescent papers scattering the otherwise blank walls. As he made his way down the green carpet, the words pop off the numerous club call-out notices, "join me," "pick me".

"I joined clubs for one reason," Jeff said.

"They interested me, every club I was in was a hobby. I wouldn't do it if I wasn't into it."

With over 24 clubs offered, there was a fit for nearly every interest. Whether it revolved around planning school activities for CEC, leading fund raising efforts, or learning more about a culture, clubs were bursting with members.

Interest wasn't the only reason to join a club, according to Alexis Jeter, senior.

"I was President of ASL club," Alexis said.

"Don't get me wrong, I loved sign language, but I also knew being a leader in a club would look really good on my college application."

Being a leader in Project X didn't happen overnight, according to Katie Stout, senior.

"I was really involved in Project X all during freshman through senior year," Katie said.

"When I was a senior, I knew that I wanted to be the president and help the club improve and do better things."

Interest combined with the will and want to lead compelled people to join various clubs.

"I always had a love for French culture," Grant Huebner, junior, said. "Being one of the vice presidents allowed me to use my skills as a leader and my interests in the culture to combine my strengths together."

Being in different clubs required time management and communication between the teacher advisors, according to Katie.

Club leaders log in long hours each week to ensure meetings and activities are being ran correctly without any glitches.

"As far as my responsibilities go, I had to work closely with all the other officers," Grant said. "Also, all of us worked with other foreign language clubs to schedule fun activities that we did all together, it was a lot of teamwork but all members enjoyed it."

Clubs proved to be a common ground for people with similar interests. They provided not just an after school activity, but an extracurricular and full time responsibility that was time consuming and usually added to regular sports practices, according to Jeff.

"I was in Science Olympiad, Theatre Company, Academic Team and Senior CEC," Jeff said. "They were all an outlet for my interests and a good place for me to be with people who had similar hobbies. Sometimes I joined because of friends, but I always left with a new found love and even more friends."

### PICKING THE BEST

Choosing their favorite toys to give, Cristina Vanko, Marissa Sylvester and Eunice Ntiamosh, seniors, volunteer for SAIDD. "I loved seeing the kids' faces when we gave them their presents," Cristina said.



### At a Stretch

Concentrated on his race, Brendan Georgas, senior, stretches as he listens to his CD player. "Most of the time, I listened to angry music as loud as it could go to pump me up," Georgas said.



### Tight Fit

Fighting to stay in the lead, James Burgwald, junior, secures his place in the swarm of runners. "At New Prairie you were constantly being challenged and pushed by other people," Burgwald said. Burgwald ended the season with both "Most Improved" and "Most Valuable" awards.



## United we run

From beginning to end, runners stuck together in blazing summer heat to below zero off-season practices. Before the first meet at Crown Point, the Cross Country Team warms up together. "If everyone felt united as a team, it gave them more physical and emotional support," Blake Williams, junior, said. Williams led the team as their number one runner. Just moments after the starter gun sounded, Jovan Andjelich, junior, squeezed through the pack as he made a crowded turn. Continuing through the race, Ian Svoboda, freshman, stampedes through a puddle. Finish line in sight, Williams pushes himself through the last yards of the Highland Invite race. "I tried to forget the pain I was going through and sprint as hard as I could to the finish," Williams said.





# Leaders of the pack

Heart pounding, Jovan Andjelich, junior, threw himself over the finish line at Semi-state in New Prairie.

Later at the award ceremony, the announcer's voice echoed throughout the gym. The seconds dragged by as Andjelich listened, hesitating to breathe.

"In 6th place, Michigan City," The team erupted in earsplitting cheers as Andjelich threw his arms in the air, his voice erupting in excitement. For the first time in school history, the Boys' Varsity Cross Country Team advanced to State.

"I felt really lucky," Andjelich said. "My goal was to make it to State, and to make it my first year was amazing."

Andjelich's triumph required sweat and determination, rather than pure luck, according to James Burgwald, junior.

"I knew he'd end up on varsity," Burgwald said. "His hard work landed him number four runner by the end of the season."

## Once and for all

Silence surrounded Brendan Georgas, senior, as he looked into his teammates' eyes. Just minutes before the last race of his high school career, he huddled with his team in a circle, preparing to make his last speech of the season.

"The team had to respect you as a captain," Georgas said. "You had to earn, not demand that respect."

Georgas helped lead the team to State along with captain Jeff Justus, senior, Blake Williams, junior, and Burgwald.

"We all ran the meet of our lives to go," Georgas said.

The team finished State 16th place, one spot shy of their top 15 goal, according to Burgwald.

Despite the team's finish at State, team unity couldn't have been stronger, according to Georgas. "You needed everyone to do their best or else you had no team," Georgas said.

## One Shoe Wonder

Burgwald finished his race with shaking legs and gasping for breath. He also seemed to be missing something.

"I got the nickname, 'One Shoe Wonder', because I ran the last mile and a half of my Semi-state race with one shoe," Burgwald said. "I didn't really think it was a big deal."

The team was not only surprised at Burgwald's progress, according to Tyler Schwartz, sophomore.

"I really admired James because he started off when he wasn't too good, and he worked up between first and second runner," Schwartz said. "He always pushed himself, no matter how he felt, and he always did his best."

**Juniors  
make strides  
as team  
dashes to  
state**

## Boys' Cross Country

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**Crown Point Invite**

1st of 7

**Gavit Invite 2 of 10**

**LAC 8 at Munster**

1st of 8

**TF South Invite 2nd of 15**

**LAC 8 at Lowell 2nd of 8**

**Lowell Invite 1st of 12**

**LAC 8 at Wheeler 1st of 8**

**New Prairie Invite**

18th of 30

**Highland Invite 1st of 18**

**KV Invite 1st of 9**

**LAC Meet at Lowell**

2nd of 16

## Post-season/Honors

**Sectionals**

1st of 12

**Regionals**

2nd of 10

**Semi-state**

4th of 20

**State**

16th of 20

**1st Team**

**All Conference**

Blake Williams

James Burgwald

**2nd Team**

**All Conference**

Brendan Georgas

Jeff Justus

Jovan Andjelich

Kenny Hamilton

Fred Olasekiban



Cross Country Team (front row) Fred Olasekiban, Sam Kasmark, Matt Gehrig, Blake Platt, Ian Svoboda, Grant Williams (second row) Coach Brown, James Burgwald, Tyler Schwartz, Nick Brown, Thomas Burgwald, Brendan Georgas, Matt Jones (back row) Eric Anderson, Kenny Hamilton, Matt Stewart, Jovan Andjelich, Blake Williams, Jeff Justus

# Stretch the limit

**Young team  
overcomes  
inexperience  
to run at  
Regionals**



You had to think you  
could do it and you  
could.

Lindsey Kunz, freshman

## Girls' Cross Country

88-27

### Crown Point Invite

1st of 7

Gavit Invite

4th of 11

### LAC 8 at Lowell

1st of 8

TF South Invite

3rd of 11

### LAC 8 at Lowell

1st of 8

### Lowell Invite

1st of 7

### LAC 8 at Wheeler

2nd of 8

### New Prairie Invite

19th of 31

### Highland Invite

4th of 16

### KV Invite

1st of 4

### LAC Meet at Lowell

2nd of 16

## Post-season/Honors

### Sectional

2nd of 12

### Regional

5th of 10

### Semi-State

14th of 20

### All Conference

Sophie Griggs

Jessica Kittichell

Lindsey Kunz

Brigid Marriott

Spirits up from placing second at Sectionals, Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, agreed to wear freshman Colleen Boyle's Irish dancing wig while turning in the team's numbers.

Placing fifth at Regionals, the team advanced into Semi-state, but came up short as they did not place in the top five to move on to State.

"We ended up beating two teams, Crown Point and Hanover, that had beat us the previous meet," Coach Duffy said. "I did expect to place in the top 15, which we did."

Capturing a first place title at Crown Point, their first meet, the team started the actual season better than the pre-season.

"We ranked as one of the lowest in the pre-season because we had such a young set of girls," Sophie Griggs, junior, said. "Although we did not have any seniors in the top five, we were still a very competitive group."

At the second meet, despite Gavit's flat course, most girls took their drop to fourth place in a positive way. "It was [still a big accomplishment] because the teams that did beat us were really good," Jessica Cuadra, junior, said.

As the Lowell meets rolled around, the girls' won both.

"At Lowell we beat Andean, which was one of our goals of the season and it showed improvement," Griggs said.

## Holding up

Anticipating the results from the Crown Point meet, Coach Duffy, waited with the girls under the team's tent.

"At first I was really worried," she said. "Later, I was happy having my top seven so closely packed rather than having three individual standouts."

After the loss of three top runners from last year, the pressure built on the successors to hold up the team.

"It's a good thing we got first [at Crown Point] because the course was so hilly," captain Desiree Cossyleon, senior, said. "No matter the meet, placing first was always something to be proud of. We performed as well as we did because our top runners were so closely packed."

Managing without the three key graduated runners, Coach Duffy found it hard to single out individual top runners. "They were all interchangeable [in rank]," she said. "It was hard picking an individual when it was such a team sport."

## 'How funky is your chicken?'

Belching out the words from their "Funky Chicken" chant, Cossyleon lead the team before the each race.

When the season started, the team was a quiet group and led more through examples, Coach Duffy said.

At the beginning of the season, the girls first place finish at the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Hobart Conference Tournament showed the team's progression and their spirit.

"They started to encourage each other," Coach Duffy said. "It was nice seeing them reach out and support each other."

The girls, including freshmen Lindsey Kunz and Brigid Marriott, pushed each other as a team and individually, for example.

"Brigid worked really hard and put a lot of time and effort into practice. She pushed me in races and was a good competitor," Kunz said.

## Give a little

As a motivational factor, Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, runs with Ashley Burton, freshman, Kathryn Helfen, junior, and Micaela Ossana, sophomore, like her high school coach did for her team. "I've always had that mentality if I was the coach I should be in shape enough to run with my girls," Coach Duffy said.







### Head over heels

With the voice of Maureen Shields, senior, leading the daily stretches, Megan Hruska, junior, assists Tabatha Strong, junior, in stretching her hamstrings at practice. Some stretches required the help of other teammates while others were done alone. "We needed loosen up our muscles so we didn't pull a muscle during the work out," Hruska said.



### O mind over matter

During the run and before it even starts, the girls reflect on the race ahead, whether injuries to overcome, people to keep in mind, or just getting through the lap. With a shin wrap supporting her stress fracture, Desiree Cossyleon, senior, paces during the meet. "It was all about pacing. It was a test on endurance," Cossyleon said. Keeping her motivational factor in mind, Ashley Burton, freshman, picks up pace. "[My stepfather] used to run and I wanted to show him how good I was," Burton said. Before launching to start, Sophie Griggs, junior, perks her ears for the starter gun's shot. Griggs finished the race the same way she started it. "Mentally, the end was important because my muscles were so fatigued that it was my mental state that got me to the end of the race," she said.



### Stretching a smile

Knee up and arms flailing, Ruby Girm, freshman, laughs during warm-ups. With a small team, the girls grew to know each other better and joked around. "We found our stretches amusing and we just laughed," Girm said.

**Cross Country Team** (front row) Stephanie Gallardo, Risa Hurwich, Jessica Kitchell, Brigid Marriotti, Lyndsey Kunz, Ashley Burton, Judith Maddatu (second row) Maureen Shields, Sophie Griggs, Desiree Cossyleon, Kathryn Helfen, Megan Hruska, Colleen Boyle, Jessica Cuadra, Jennifer Novosel (last row) Tabitha Strong, Julie Zivich, Micaela Ossana, Coach Michelle Duffy, Amy Fubs, Ruby Girm, Erin Hott

### Pull through

As the Hobart offense charges towards him, Jon Velecek (56), senior, attempts to strip the ball away. "They were gaining yards fast and I saw my chance and took it," Velecek said. Despite his efforts, Munster lost 14-42.

### Stepping up

With Billy Hasse (7), junior, sitting on the bench with a groin injury, Ian Svoboda (14), freshman, ran into the Hobart game as his replacement. "I didn't usually get to kick in a game, so it was a good experience for me," Svoboda said. "I could have done better but I still had time to improve."



## Part of the game

Before Brett Keeler (12), junior, goes into the game, he takes advice from Coach Leroy Marsh on the sidelines. After the Homecoming game against Hammond, the team huddles together to celebrate their spirit and unity after winning 47-13. "We are always together as a team," Ian Boswell (35), sophomore, said, "Win or lose, we do it as a team." While the referee raises his arm to flip the coin, Hobart captains call heads. The coin landed on heads and Hobart chose to receive. "Being a captain was important," Phil Chiang (77), senior, said, "A lot of people looked up to you and it was a real privilege."





# T charging through tough breaks

While the National Anthem played in the background during the Battle of the Bridge, running back John Strong, senior, feared loosing to the Highland Trojans because Highland had the home field advantage.

Despite playing away, the Mustangs started strong when Alex Bilse, senior, intercepted the ball on the first play and scored in the first few minutes of the game.

"In the middle of the second quarter, we had put a win out of reach for Highland," Assistant Coach Robert Shinkan, math teacher, said.

Joe Gill, sophomore, played a huge role in Highland's defeat, according to Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher. Gill threw three touchdowns on Munster's first three possessions and finished with 179 yards in passing.

By the time the half-time buzzer rang, Gill connected with Mike Fisher, senior, on a 56-yard touchdown pass; Jeff Florek, senior, with a 12-yard touchdown pass; and James Han, senior, on a 15-yard touchdown pass as the team jumped to 28-0 halftime lead.

"He was outstanding," Coach Marsh said. "A lot of credit goes to [former Munster quarterback] Assistant Coach Wally Crafesi. He really brought Gill along slowly and worked with him."

That night, all team members walked away from Highland with bragging rights.

## Season plagued with injuries

As Ben Taylor, sophomore, participated in drills during practice, he felt a tear in his leg. After a doctor visit, he was informed that he tore his anterior crucial ligament [ACL] while making a tackle.

For Taylor, tearing his ACL meant that he had to undergo surgery and physical therapy, and worst of call, that his football season was over.

"I was disappointed because this really slowed down my progression as a player," Taylor said.

## Go down fighting

With Gary Wirt's defense bearing down on him, Tom Mambourg (34), senior, went fighting through the tackle, but was eventually tripped up. "We still ended up scoring on the drive, so that was good," Mambourg said. Munster beat Gary Wirt 49-6.

## After losing for two years, Mustangs reclaim Bridge bragging rights



The team was very together and focused. They worked so well together.

Coach Leroy Marsh

## Varsity Football

5-5

Kankakee Valley 38-9

Gary Wirt 49-6

Highland 42-13

Griffith 19-36

Hobart 14-42

Morton 33-27

Lowell 14-15

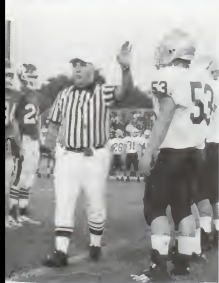
Hammond 47-13

Andrean 21-29

## Post-Season/Honors

### Sectionals

Hobart 17-28



## Leap at the opportunity

Flying through the air, Joey Torres (45), sophomore, attempts to block a punt during the Hobart game. "It was always fun when you get the chance to leap out and make a big block," Torres said. Torres ended up missing the punt.

## Crash landing

After failing to gain the interception from Hobart, Alex Bilse (27), senior, falls to the ground. "I did my best to get to the ball in time," Alex said. "It's just sometimes you couldn't make it."



## Optical illusion

Smashing through Kankakee Valley's defense, James Han (24) senior, carries out on a fake. A fake tries to divert attention from the player who actually has possession of the ball, "I try to act like I have the ball, it's like I'm carrying a fake football," The team beat KV 38-9.

**Freshman Football Team (front row)** Troy Loftham, Jory Bonessa, Clint Buel, Taylor Kimes, Alex Viasch, Josh Lukosbus, Larry Allen (second row) Blach, Brendon Bragg, Michael Phipps, Steven Quor, Nick Sanders, Alex Murrell (third row) Michael Erwin, Ben Balana, Vince Newsum, Matt Paulin, Travis Kamech, Brian Lewis, Sean Zamba (fourth row) Alex Powell, Regosh, Matt Skiba, Joel Brown, Mike Doherty, Grant Traxler, Ryan Stiller, Angel Robles (fifth row) Kevin Watterson, Alex Otauch, Dan Johnson, Ian Svoboda, Dan Paulson, Co-Juan Bradley, Andy Lucas (sixth row) Joe Willis, Keeler, Fernando Cervajal, Ryan Wilkenson, Justin Gill (back row) Coach: Coach Matthew Backs, Coach Kabanetska



**Varsity Football Team (front row)** Alex Rosales, Billy Hanne, David Fendi, James Han, Alex Biber, Cam Seiler, Rich Meyers, Tom Mainburg, David Goshay (second row) Andy Jorale, Jake Gonsack, Jon Vichas, Pete Jarch, Cory Dillon, Philip Chuang, John Strong, Mike Fisher (third row) Kyle Harker, Pat Doherty, Brett Keeler, Josh Lukosbus, David Nossie, Nick V, Brett Bertagulla, Calroy Velazquez, Greg Clark, (fourth row) Jeff Florek, Alex Bragaj, John Jurkaas, Brandon Miller, Mitch Lalock, Jeff Bragaj, Pat Howard, Tim Qualls, (fifth row) Steve Beatty, Walter McDonald, Nolan Skifos, Joe Abu-Atta, Dan Cragg, Max Testa, Joe Gill, Eric Lamon.

Jeff Lucas (sixth row) Zach Langbehn, Aaron Estrada, Brett Strobl, Jason Han, Matt Shacklett, Ian Boswell, Kurt Lemmy, Max Peck, Mitch Pugh, Kevin Nossom (seventh row) Jory Torres, Matt Nelson, Sean Dilline, Imran Hosain, Kody Thompson, Adam Rhoda, Ben Taylor, Adrian Elson, Martin Ottiz, Alex Welch (eighth row) Matt Gonzalez, Nick Sebek, Jon Sobilo, Zach Buchholz, David Garcia, Greg Clark, Jermi Tito, Keith Shaw, Sam Shiner, Kyle Fox (back row) Coach Bob McGill, Coach Bob Fisher, Coach Tom Languis, Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Robert Shankan, Coach Brian Vassar, Coach Brian Clark, Coach John Doherty

## Run the risk

With a quick cutback to Hobart's defense, cornerback Rich Meyers (33), senior, jukes out his Hobart opponent. Juking is when a player fakes to one side, and cuts to the other side. "When making a move like that, it's very spur of the moment," Meyers said. "You're not even thinking." Meyers broke through the defense and went on to score a 60-yard touchdown.





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## charging through tough breaks

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According to Coach Marsh, injuries plagued the team throughout the season. Injuries ranged from bumps and bruises to broken bones, but some injuries left deep marks.

Rich Meyers, lost playing time with a hamstring injury, while John Jurkash was out with a shoulder injury.

"An injury is always mentally tough for a player," Coach Marsh said. "The younger players learn to fight through quickly and go through rehab."

According to Coach Shinkan, some injured players could still partake in some drills. If a player had a leg injury, they could still practice passing drills, or if they injured their arm, they might still be able to run. In more severe cases, a player would have to be benched.

"It was very different for me. I had never been sidelined with that serious an injury before and it made me angry when our team would be down and here was nothing I could do about it," Taylor said. "But in a way, it was a relief because there was no pressure to perform, so that was different too."

Though few injuries disrupted season ending, the boy recovered to finish with a 5-5 record.

### More than just a dad

As Mike Fisher, senior, looked back on his football season, one difference stood out from all of his other seasons: his father, Coach Bob Fisher, had joined the Mustang coaching staff.

"My dad had been coaching me forever," Mike said. "He coached me even when he wasn't coaching out on the field."

Mr. Fisher was no rookie to football when he became a Munster coach; the coaching job just added to his extensive resume including playing a running back for the Chicago Bears.

"I watched the pros every Sunday and always thought, 'How cool would that be to play pro football one day?'" Mr. Fisher said.

While Mr. Fisher was a dad at home, he was purely a coach on the field. According to Mike, there were times that his father worked him even harder than any of the other players on the team.

"My dad never gave me any special treatment," Mike said, "Usually when he coached a team I was on, he was tougher on me. That was okay though, I was used him doing that whenever he coached."

### End of the line

After the Hobart Sectional game ended with a 17-28 loss, Joe Abu-Aita (86), junior, congratulates Jereme Magsaysay (64), senior, on a good season. "It was Jereme's last game and it was sad because I was going to miss him and the other seniors," Abu-Aita said.

### Snap to it

As quarterback Joe Gill, sophomore, hikes the ball, he scans the defense for signs of a blitz. "You had to be quick," Gill said. "If you didn't throw in time you could screw up the whole play."

### JV Football

4-5

Kankakee Valley 7-20

Benton Central 30-8

Highland 20-8

Griffith 0-24

Hobart 16-29

Morton 8-28

Lowell 16-24

Hammond 26-15

Andrean 36-6

### Freshman Football

5-6

Kankakee Valley 8-14

Morton 14-12

Highland 21-12

Griffith

Hobart 21-28

Morton 14-28

Lowell 6-14

Hammond 37-6

Andrean

Crown Point "B" 7-6

Morton "B" 21-8



### Breaking the mold

After the pre-game huddle, Phil Chiang (77) and Pete Jurich (58), seniors, charge on to the

field. "Every year the seniors make up our own cheer to pump everyone up," Chiang said.

# Left high and dry

**Spirit keeps season alive, but hopes fall short of team expectations**



We just liked goofing off on the bus. We would tell jokes, eat Arby's, go crazy, and sing, Mara Maddocks, senior

## Varsity Golf 13-3

Andean/Calumet 1st  
Valparaiso Invite 16th  
Wheeler/Highland 1st  
Portage 1st  
Lake Central Invite 3rd  
Kankakee Valley Invite 4th  
Rensselaer Invite 3rd  
Lowell/Hobart 1st  
New Prairie Invite 2nd  
Kankakee Valley/  
Bishop Noll 1st  
Highland 1st  
Crown Point 2nd  
Merrillville 1st  
Lake Central 2nd  
Boone Grove/Lowell 1st  
Chesterton/Merrillville 2nd

Post-season/Honors  
Sectionals  
4th

1st Team All-Conference  
Hallie Gibbs  
Mara Maddocks  
Lauren Meneghetti  
Sarah Johnson  
Laura Kinser

Regional Qualifier  
Hallie Gibbs

Deafening music and constant chatter on the minibuses transporting teenage girls permeated the air. Coach Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher, traveled with the Girls' Golf Team headed to their meet in Rensselaer.

"The bus rides were all crazy," Hallie Gibbs, senior, said. "We usually ended up telling random stories or listening to obnoxious music. Davidson would put on weird stations."

The bus wouldn't have been complete without the outgoing personalities of the girls, according to Coach Davidson.

"Varsity was fun to be around. They got along well and had a good time," Coach Davidson said. "It made for a relaxed situation. They're good golfers."

At the Rensselaer Invite at Curtis Creek, the girls placed third out of 21. The accomplishment level made school history, according to Coach Davidson.

"I would say my favorite memory was at the Curtis-Creek Invite when every single person shot their lowest or very close to their lowest score," Coach Davidson said. "It was the third lowest score in school history."

Coach Davidson and the girls respected each other on and off the course, according to Mara Maddocks, senior.

## Taking the bitter with the sweet

Not only did Coach Davidson help motivate the girls, but having each other and bonding as a team kept the spirit alive, according to Maddocks.

"One of the examples I set was trying to have fun. A lot of people think golf is boring, but it really was not," Maddocks said. "I tried to cheer everyone up as much as I could."

Despite not achieving the team's goal to make it out of Regionals, the girls were able to cheer for Captain Hallie Gibbs, senior, as she advanced, but fell short of her expectations.

"Not making it to Regionals as a team was really upsetting," Gibbs said. "I was the only one who made it out of Regionals so everybody cheered me on. I was a little upset, though, because I didn't play to my capability."

## Three great seniors

Although the girls had a rough season, the seniors' individual talents didn't go unnoticed, according to Johnson.

"I looked up to all three seniors. They all had different talents," Johnson said. "Hallie strived for perfection and wanted to do well. Every time Lauren played, she tried really hard. Mara stuck through with it, even though she didn't do her best. Everyone had something to contribute."

No matter what happened on the course, the girls supported each other by making funny voices, cracking jokes, and giving advice, according to Maddocks.



**Golf Team** (front row) Lynlee Shutka, Katie Kocis, Courtney Zotos, Jennifer Silverman, Samantha Curtis, Kristine Kho, Kari Michniewisz, Mallory McShane (back row) Emily Imrich, Rachel Hannigan, Laura Hennig, Hallie Gibbs, Sarah Johnson, Allison Skimehorn, Lauren Meneghetti, Coach Jim Davidson



### In the Rough

As Laura Kinser, sophomore, hits the ball into the fairway, she's not thinking about Davidson's response to a mistake. "Davidson told me not to worry about a bad shot and focus on the next try," Kinser said. She moved from the No. five player to the No. two player, and received the most improved player award.

### Caught in the Act

While she heads back to the tee box, Hallie Gibbs, senior, yells at Coach Davidson for watching her put. "I was mad so I brought the club behind my back in rage," Gibbs said. Even though Coach Davidson was encouraging towards the girls, when he watched her tee off, she couldn't concentrate because he made her nervous.



### Lending a Hand

Before a match, Coach Jim Davidson gives the girls a friendly reminder. "I reminded them of where they should be trying to hit the ball and reminded them to use their head." His advice to the girls was always to get yourself out of trouble, such as hitting the ball into the trees before continuing.



### G fair Game

Throughout the season, the girls tried to perfect their weaknesses by helping each other and motivating each other to do well. Watching as her ball makes a line for the hole, Sarah Johnson, junior, concentrates on her weak spot, putting. As she tees off.

Lauren Menghetti, senior, tries out her new club, The Cobra. "My uncle is a golf professional so he hooked me up with a sweet driver," Menghetti watches as the number one players tee off, including teammate Hallie Gibbs. "We watched the girls ahead of us go and used it to influence our game." Because she listened to Dave Matthews Band before the match, Mara Muddocks, senior, is concentrated as she tees off.

# O leap at the opportunity

## First regional championship takes Boys' Soccer Team to Semi-state



We were all in shock. The team pulled through. It was the greatest feeling ever.

Eric Nelson, senior

### Varsity Soccer

8-8

Portage 0-3

Highland 2-3

Warsaw 2-2

Hobart 3-2

Valparaiso 2-1

Morton 10-1

Chesterton 2-7

Andean 3-2

Merrillville 1-2

Crown Point 3-0

Bishop Noll 1-2

Mishawaka Marian 5-1

East Chicago 8-1

Lake Central 2-6

Griffith 8-2

Wheeler 2-0

Post-Season

Sectionals

Morton 6-0

Highland 1-0

Regionals

Lake Central 2-1

Andean 2-1

Semi-state

Harrison 1-2

### JV Soccer

12-3

Portage 1-0

Highland 1-0

Warsaw 1-1

Hobart 6-0

Valparaiso 1-1

Morton 8-0

Chesterton 1-1

Andean 4-0

Merrillville 2-0

Crown Point 0-0

Bishop Noll 4-0

Mishawaka Marian 2-0

East Chicago 3-0

Lake Central 1-0

Griffith 2-0

When the chance to make history arises, a team has to take that chance or get left in the dust.

The Varsity Boys Soccer Team opted for the risk, which led the team to a new place in Boys' Soccer history—Semi-state.

"We were the only team in Munster history to make it past Regionals," captain Leo Giannakis, senior, said.

Due to fundamentals, the boys continued to Semi-state.

"We listened to Coach [Prasopoulos]," captain Joey Domencio, senior, said. "We were the first team that actually listened to him. Because of that, we played as a team."

But the team didn't achieve their successful post-season by using the same tactics, according to Bennet Cerven, senior.

"I think we finished games," Cerven said. "Normally we played and did really well for 60 minutes, but a game lasts 80 minutes. It was in those 20 minutes that we lost. But we were really good about playing consistently the entire game."

During Regionals everyone listened to Coach Prasopoulos' advice and it led to their 2-1 victory against Andean.

"The team wanted to win for coach," Giannakis said. "He pulled us together and we won."

### Head of the game

As the last seconds ran out the clock, the Varsity Boys' Soccer Team ran straight to Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Westlake teacher.

"It was the first time we won Regionals," Coach Prasopoulos, said. "It was skill and it was luck. It was our time."

According to Coach Prasopoulos, he had teams with better seasons; but when he changed his strategy, success ensued.

"I fine tuned my approach," Coach Prasopoulos said. "We had really good communication between coach and players."

After the excitement of Regionals, their loss at Semi-state did not detract from their pride, according to Coach Prasopoulos.

"Regionals was not that easy," he said. "But we did win. Now the boys have a banner in field house. That was something that they could be proud of."

### Mid-air magic

Suspended in midair, Krste Ruiz (13), sophomore, steals the ball at the Lake Central game. At the start of the season, Ruiz played offense, but the post-season lineup put him in defense. "The switch ended up being huge at Regionals," Ruiz said.

### Adding insult to injury

Perched atop a trash can, Alex Stariha, junior, watches from the sidelines as Munster loses to Lake Central. Due to a torn ACL, Stariha sat out for the majority of the season. "The hardest part was rehab," Stariha said. "I didn't know if I could play soccer next year."







**Show stealer**  
With a swift steal, Krste Ruiz (13), sophomore, captures the ball at Regionals against Lake Central. His birthday fell on

the same day as the Lake Central Regional game, which made the victory extra sweet, Ruiz said.



**Varsity Soccer Team** (front row) Alex Stariha, Matt Goodman, Danny Petrovic, Anthony Huard, Eric Nelson, Billy Hasse (second row) Stefan Coric, Erick Ferrer, Krste Ruiz, Joey Domenico, Alek Shmagranoff, Kyle Stuart, Jeff Reuter (back row) Coach Ron Moore, Jeff Lucas, Bennet Cerven, Leo Gianakis, Pete Brousalis, Brandon Ruiz, Nick Stoffregen, Coach Jim Prasopoulos



**JV Soccer Team** (front row) Gerald Childs, Kurt Alberson, Derek Carlson, Matt Farrell, Tommy Jenkins, Pat McIntyre, Mike Yerge (second row) Craig Dohman, Terry Grunewald, Adam Cooper, Brian Schmidt, Tetsuo Toyama, Timothy Yee (back row) Coach Ron Moore, Zach Vega, Aleksander Marcetic, Seth Flahaven, Marcus Alforsi, Michael Wey, Coach Jim Prasopoulos



## Just for kicks

From drills to running, practices paid off with performance on the field. Encountering the same situations during the game as the boys did in practice, this repetition led to their eventual success, according to Bennet Cerven, senior. Intentionally throwing himself into the goal, Pete Brousalis (7), senior, jumps to break away from the goalie. "I jumped over the goalie to avoid a massive collision," Brousalis said. After a fall, Danny Petrovic, senior, recovers while trying to regain the ball. "Mishawaka was my worst game because Coach [Prasopoulos] didn't play me much," Petrovic said. Tongue jutting out, Joey Domenico (10), senior, dribbles down the field at home against Lake Central. "The game was really bad for us and we lost," Domenico said. "But it showed us what we needed to do to become a better team." Arm wrapped around Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Jeff Lucas (4), sophomore, limps off the field. "I twisted my ankle," Lucas said. "But it was the only time I had to stop play because of an injury."

# Stand and deliver a Sectional title

**With an eight-senior line-up, team travels to Regionals for first time in four years**



It was important to have a close bond with your teammates. It made every thing run smoothly.  
Leah Kozlowski, senior

## Varsity Soccer 8-2

Lake Central 2-3
Valparaiso 0-6
Portage 1-3
Homestead 1-1
Fort Wayne Snider 1-1
Highland 0-1
Michigan City 7-0
Mishawaka 6-0
Griffith 3-0
Merrillville 3-0
Lafayette Jefferson 0-0
Kankakee Valley 1-0
Andean 3-1
Crown Point 1-2
Morton 6-0
Hobart 1-2

Post-season/Honors Sectionals
Hammond 7-1
Clark 7-0
Highland 3-0

Regionals
Lake Central 1-4

## JV Soccer 8-8

Lake Central 1-0
Valparaiso 0-2
Portage 0-2
Homestead 0-5
Fort Wayne Dwenger 0-0
Highland 1-1
Michigan City 3-0
Mishawaka 3-0
Griffith 0-1
Merrillville 4-0
Lafayette Jefferson 1-0
Kankakee Valley 0-1
Andean 1-0
Crown Point 1-2
East Chicago 6-0
Hobart 1-0

Steam rising from the top of their heads, the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team rushed the field as the referee blew his whistle ending the Sectional championship game.

Laughing and hugging, the girls celebrated their new title, Sectional Champions, after beating Highland 3-0.

"We wanted so badly to get that title," captain Elena Falloon, senior, said. "In the past there was something blocking us. The seniors felt it was up to us to bring it back."

According to Leah Kozlowski, senior, the girls were faster than the three teams they played at Sectionals.

"That gave us a definite advantage," Kozlowski said. "If we had a bad shooting day, we could still out run our opponent."

Their speed gave them leverage, but the girls believed it was their quick thinking and shooting that led them to the Sectional trophy, according to Danielle Flores, senior.

"It was a culmination of experience, communication and leadership that helped us win Sectionals," Flores said.

## Eight seniors lead the team

Escorted by her parents, Emily Yaeger, senior, walked down the field at Senior Night. When she looked around at her fellow seniors, tears welled up in her eyes.

"We played soccer together for years," Emily said. "At Senior Night it hit me; it was the last year I would play with them."

Emily was one of eight seniors, who made up half the team. According to Head Coach Tim Sopko, Wilbur Wright Middle School assistant dean, they worked well together.

"All of them were strong players," Coach Sopko said. "They knew each other's strengths and weaknesses. All of them were the ultimate player; one made up for what the other lacked."

## Racing against the clock

One minute remained on the scoreboard while Allison Medina, junior, raced down the muddy field. As Medina kicked, the Lake Central goalkeeper slipped and the ball flew into the net, ending the first half of the season opener 2-1.

In the second half, however, the Indian's went on a shooting spree and won 3-2, according to Coach Sopko.

"It was still a good game," Bailey Remec, junior, said. "It was our first actual game. We lost players to graduation and that had an impact on the team. We had to learn how to play with each other, which added a whole new dynamic."

## One jump ahead

From her forward position, Kate Varnum (11), senior, hustles to deflect the ball and keep it on Michigan City's defensive half of the field. "Being a forward was tough," Varnum said. "Not only did we have to focus on scoring, but then we had to get back to help the defense on the next play." Varnum was named forward of the year.

## Circle time

Gathered on the sidelines, varsity listens to coaches Valerie Pflum, John Fekete, Donna Sopko, and Head Coach Tim Sopko at the Michigan City Game. The coaches gave instructions like to spread out on the field. "I coached soccer because I liked the game and wanted to teach kids how to play it," Coach Pflum said. The team beat Michigan city 7-0.





### On thin ice

While watching the game from the sidelines, Erin Goodman (38), senior, treats her jammed finger with a bag of ice from Mr. John Doherty, Head Trainer. Goodman jammed her finger after colliding with a Michigan City player. "It hurt at first, but after a couple minutes I went back in the game," Goodman said. "Once I got back in the game I did not feel the pain." Goodman jammed her finger three times during the season.



### Reach

With a deep breath, goalie Bailey Remec, junior, directs the team in forming a wall to block Michigan City's free kick. "The wall had to cover the outside of the goal entirely," Remec said. "You didn't want to leave anyone from the opposing team open in front of the goal box." As goalie, Remec had to stretch, reach, and dive to clear the ball from the goal and help her team beat Michigan City 7-0. A week later, at the Mishawaka game, Remec collided with a forward, hit her head on the ground, and received a concussion. Remec was out for the season and replaced by Sarah Skertic, junior, in the goal box.



**Varsity Soccer Team** (front row) Emily Yaeger, Danielle Flores, Stephanie Dohman, Kate Varnum, Erin Goodman, Leah Kozlowski, Elena Falloon (second row) Kaitlyn Flores, Allison Medina, Leah Brousalis, Amanda Scott, Kristen Pagnone, Jessica Goodrich, Kristi Carlson, Lauren Blazevich (back row) Coach Donna Sopko, Head Coach Tim Supko, Jenna Roller, Marisa Meneghetti, Sarah Skertic, Kelly Schlotman, Karen Gouwens, Bailey Remec, Coach Valerie Pflum, Coach John Fekete



**JV Soccer Team** (front row) Danielle Scully, Sarah Eldert, Camille Gonzalez, Jenna Roller, Katie Dobis, Sarah Wachala, Melissa Webber, Lindsey Conger (second row) Ines Tzolov, Stephanie Poules, Allison Welch, Amanda Lopez, Sarah Skertic, Tessa McCuan, Jessica Goodrich, Holly Patton, Courtney Wagner (back row) Coach Donna Sopko, Head Coach Tim Supko, Emily Turner, Marisa Meneghetti, Natalie Gouwens, Kathryn Krull, Coach Valerie Pflum, Coach John Fekete

# Toeing the line

## Mid-season lineup switch aids boys in beating Penn, advancing to State

### Varsity Tennis

21-3

Hobart 5-0  
Valparaiso 5-0  
Lake Central 5-0  
North Central Invite  
Andean 5-0  
Penn 4-1  
West Lafayette 5-0  
Kankakee Valley 5-0  
Highland 5-0  
Culver 1-4  
Griffith 5-0  
Lowell 4-1  
Chesterton 5-0  
Crown Point 5-0  
Merrillville 5-0  
LaPorte Invite  
Plymouth 4-1  
Penn 4-1

### Post-season/Honors

#### Sectionals

Morton 5-0  
Lake Central 4-0

#### Regionals

Highland 5-0  
Lowell 4-1

#### Semi-state

Valparaiso 4-1  
Penn 3-2

#### State

Park Tudor 2-3  
Floyd Central 2-3

#### All Conference

All District  
Billy Heuer  
Tom Calmeyer  
Tony Kanavos  
Naveen Chaubal  
Ben Gouwens  
Ravi Shah

#### JV Tennis

10-0

Hobart 6-0  
Valparaiso 13-1  
Lake Central 11-3  
Kankakee Valley 7-0  
Highland 5-0  
Culver 8-1  
Lowell 12-0  
Chesterton 12-3  
Crown Point 12-3  
Merrillville 12-0

Northwest Indiana was never given a chance, according to Mike Hlebasko. The Boys' Varsity Tennis Team used this to their advantage and snuck under the radar on their journey to State.

"This team had the greatest work ethic," Coach Steve Lopez, history teacher, said. "We had the greatest opportunity to do something phenomenal at State."

After the team defeated Penn at Semi-state, they felt as if they could beat anyone, according to Coach Lopez.

"We had just as good a chance as anybody," Lopez said.

At State they played a favored Park Tudor team in the first round and lost a controversial match, 2-3. After winning the first three games, Park Tudor forfeited their remaining two players, Ravi Shah, senior, explained. There was obvious strategy to the move, but it was unsportsmanlike, according to Shah.

"It was Tom [Calmeyer's] last game and he should have had the chance to finish the match and his high school career the right way," Ravi said.

## Dangerous doubles

One major decision changed the outcome of the tennis team's season, according to Coach Lopez.

Coach Lopez moved Ravi Shah, senior, from No. 3 Singles to No. 2 Doubles with senior Ben Gouwens, senior, after the team lost their first season game to Culver Military Academy.

"After we lost to Culver, we knew we had to make changes.

As a senior, it was important for me to show that," Shah said.

The move worked out great, according to Coach Lopez. The team won the remaining games, and the doubles teams provided the winning third point in three of the matches.

They rode this streak right into their first Final Four appearance at State since 2001.

"If we didn't make the change, I don't know if we would have beaten Penn's No. 2 Doubles at Semi-state," Coach Lopez said. "Ravi made the transition seamlessly, and the move worked out great."

## More than a game

For senior Jeff Chou, the Boys' Varsity Tennis Team acted as more than sport. It felt like a family.

"The atmosphere was something you didn't find in most schools," Chou said. "It was a great experience."

The practices were more team oriented and they put more emphasis on helping each other out at matches, according to Coach Lopez. The team was so close because nine of the 12 seniors on the team were in the program since freshman year.

"Coach developed us since we were freshmen and we played with each other for four years," Chou said. "We fed off each other's energy and picked each other up when we were down. We won as a team and lost as a team."

The tightness of the team also paid off during matches, according to Coach Lopez.

"We got everybody to root each other on," Coach Lopez said. "They cheered so loud that it boosted the players during their matches, especially if they were losing. It gave us that edge that we needed to win."

### You got served

Putting his weight into the serve, No. 1 Doubles player Tony Kanavos, senior, delivers an ace against his Lake Central opponent. "Naveen and I did really well this season," he said. "It was an awesome season, but it was disappointing when we didn't win State." Tony received the Pride, Hustle and Desire award for his effort at matches and practices.





### Change it up

During the changeover, Head Coach Steve Lopez, history teacher, discusses new strategies with No. 1 Doubles partners Naveen Chaubal and Tony Kanavos, seniors. "A lot

of the time it was just for reinforcement," Chaubal said. He told us things that we already knew. He just brought it to our attention.

### On the Line

No. 2 Singles player Tom Cafmeyer, senior, sprints down the line of his teammates before the match begins, after being introduced. "We showed

a lot of spirit throughout the season," Cafmeyer said. "We tried to be as loud as we could to get each other pumped."



**Tennis Team** (front row) Asst. Coach Sid Rothstein, Eli Wilson, Stephen Ong, Jacob Tepperman, Nikhil Bhagwat, Talha Qureshi, Zakk Tritsch, Chris Hlebasko, Max Gershman, Matt Shreve, Danny Alexander, Head Coach Steve Lopez (second row) Asst. Coach Bill Karr, Rohan Warriar, Ben Gouwens, Mike Hlebasko, Mike Curran, Akash Rusia, Austin Wynn, Jeff Chou, Alex Galante, Tony Kanavos, Naveen Chaubal (back row) Viraj Maniar, Billy Heuer, Graham Hannas, Matt Kuehn, Ravi Shah, Jonathon Richardson, Tom Cafmeyer, Pat Behrens



## Smashing through

Swinging their way to victory, the Varsity Tennis Team advanced to the Final Four at State for the first time since 2001. The boys experienced success as a team, as well as individually throughout the season. Focused on the ball, No. 1 Singles player Billy Heuer, sophomore, returns a serve. Billy beat his Troy Brinker from Penn, 6-4, 6-0. "It was the highlight of my year, but he came back and beat me at Semi-state," Heuer said. After beating out Tom Cafmeyer, senior, in the beginning of the season, Billy earned the top spot for the first time. With a backhand, Austin Wynn, sophomore, returns the ball. Austin was bumped up to varsity as the No. 3 Singles position after the team's loss to Culver Military Academy. "My best match was against Penn at Semi-state," Wynn said. "I was down 1-4, but came back to win 6-4, 6-1." Almost falling over, Matt Kuehn, senior, flicks the ball to the other side. "I joined the team because I enjoyed playing the game," Kuehn said. Most improved player, Ben Gouwens, senior, warms up by volleying before his match. Due to a mid-season switch, Ben had to adapt to a new doubles partner. "The change worked out great and made us a stronger team," Ben said. "We had no problems because Ravi played doubles before."



# itting the spot

## Hours of practice at the net help team regain Sectional title

### Varsity Volleyball

24-5

Valparaiso 0-3	Logansport Invite
Lake Central 3-0	Portage 2-0
Hobart 3-0	SB Wash. 2-1
Andean 2-3	Logansport 2-1
Griffith 3-0	Noblesville 0-2
Highland 3-0	Laf. Jefferson Trny
Whiting 2-0	Laf. Jefferson 2-0
Wheeler 3-0	Peru 2-0
Bishop Noll 3-0	Penn 2-0
SB St. Joe 3-0	Bloomington
Calumet 3-0	North 0-2
Kankakee Valley 3-0	Merrillville Invite
Gavit 3-0	Highland 2-0
Lowell 3-1	Penn 2-0
Crown Point 3-1	McCutcheon 2-0
Morton 3-0	Mishawaka 0-2

### Post-season/Honors

#### Conference

#### 1st with Highland

#### Sectionals

#### Lake Central 3-1

#### Lowell 3-0

#### Highland 3-1

#### Regionals

#### LaPorte 1-3

#### All Conference

#### Abbey Brook

#### Jennifer DiCostanzo

#### Chelsy Kimes

#### Jessica Korda

### JV Volleyball

23-1

Valparaiso 2-0	Gavit 2-0
Lake Central 2-0	Lowell 2-0
Hobart 2-0	Crown Point 2-1
Andean 2-0	Morton 2-0
Griffith 2-1	MC Invite
Highland 2-0	Warsaw 2-0
Whiting 2-0	Michigan City 2-1
Wheeler 2-0	Marquette 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-0	Mishawaka 1-2
SB St. Joe 2-1	LAC Trny
Calumet 2-0	Morton 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0	KV 2-0
	Highland 2-0

### Freshman Volleyball

18-9

Wheeler 2-0	Morton 2-0
Lake Central 0-2	Marion Invite
Hobart 2-0	Marist 2-0
Andean 2-0	Lincolnway West 0-2
Griffith 0-2	TF South 2-0
Calumet 2-0	Griffith 1-2
Hammond 2-0	Boone Grove 2-0
Wheeler 2-0	Bishop Noll 2-1
Clark 2-0	Lake Central Trny
Bishop Noll 2-0	Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0	Griffith 2-0
SB St. Joe 0-2	Lake Central 0-2
Portage 2-0	Valpo Trny
Portage 2-0	Chesterton 1-2
Gavit 2-0	Valparaiso 0-2

Questioning whether her long hours of sweat and effort would amount to a victory, Kelly Wade, junior, prepared herself for one of the team's toughest anticipated competitors, Wheeler.

Wheeler remained undefeated, which pressured the girls to work harder. The girls beat Wheeler early in the match, winning the first three games in a row.

"In the Wheeler game, we really came together because it was one of our hardest games," Kelly Wade, junior, said. "There was so much hype on them and on us. We all came out and played our hardest, and we just knew what we had to do to win."

Despite beginning the season as a young team, the girls had success because of the talent, according to captain Chelsy Kimes, senior. They talked about what they knew Wheeler would do strategically and planned to shut them down.

## Take charge at Sectionals

In a passing drill, the girls prepared for Sectionals. Captain Jessica Korda, junior, put extra effort into the drill to make in 50 passes so she did not have to run.

The team took first at Sectionals after beating Lake Central, Lowell, and Highland, all from behind. Even though the girls had intentions of winning in the back of their minds, Varsity Coach Bill Gray did not set any official standards.

"We didn't talk about goals. We just went out there and played our hardest," Coach Gray said. "We only had two goals this year: to have fun and not to humiliate ourselves."

All of the girls got excited to play before Sectionals, according to Korda. Because it could have been their last game of the year, each girl wanted to play to her ability.

## Aye, Aye Captain

Although the captains had the same jobs as in previous years, Chelsy Kimes and Jennifer DiCostanzo, seniors, and Jessica Korda, junior, went the extra mile to stand up.

Captains had the responsibilities of team bonding, helping to coach the players and motivating the players with talks before games.

"The coach couldn't be out on the court with the players during the game, so it was up to the captains to motivate the players and keep things going," Kimes said. "We were the closest thing to a coach during the game."

### Net worth

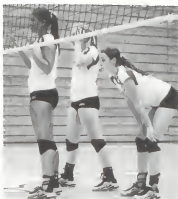
While hitting lines, captain Jessica Korda, junior, known for her power, spikes the ball in the warm-ups. "Warm-ups helped us to get moving before games," Korda said. "Everyone needed that element of competition brought into our heads." Korda led the team earning the All Conference and Iron Woman Awards.



## Heating Things up

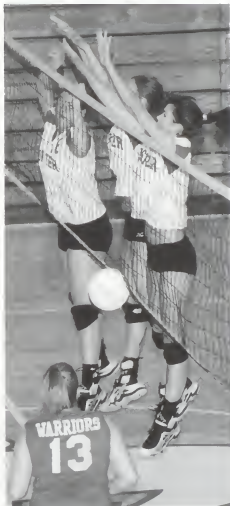
Before the Calumet match, captain Chelsy Kimes, senior, practices with her teammates to warm up. "We needed to get in the right mind set," Kimes said. "The more we did the drills, the more ready we were to play against an opponent." Four-year varsity player, Kimes started her career as the second freshman in school history to play on the varsity team. Kimes committed to a full scholarship at Coastal Carolina University. She received the Most Valuable Player award, Academic All State, All Conference and the Times All Area player of the year. As a captain, Kimes led the team to a 24-8 record, a co-championship in the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Black tournament and a regional appearance. Individually, Kimes led the team with 428 kills and finished second with 365 digs.





### Eyes on the prize

As she waits for the ball, Sarah Rubino, junior, prepares for the opponent to serve. "If you didn't pay attention all the time, you could get hit in the head or the ball could land by you, which would be your fault," Rubino said. Rubino's defensive hitting and blocking skills improved greatly, according to Coach Gray.



### Block party

With the necessary stiff arms and curved hands, Kelly Wade, Jessica Korda and Angela Toth, juniors, make a successful block. "Blocking made it a lot easier to stop the hitter and put us on offense," Toth said. Toth led the team with 13 kills at the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Black Tournament.



**Varsity Volleyball Team** (front row) Abbey Brokop, Laura Mutala, Lindsey Ziemba, Lizzy Monell (second row) Assistant JV Coach Jenny Siwa, JV Coach Don Fortner, Sarah Rubino, Toni Michalski, Kelly Wade, Head Coach Bill Gray, Freshman Coach Janet Worries (back row) Angie Toth, Chelsy Kimes, Jessica Korda, Jennifer Dicostranzo



**JV Volleyball Team** (front row) Phoebe Conner, Breck Scamavack, Kylie Morris, Ashley Eiland, Eryn Whiting (second row) Assistant JV Coach Jenny Siwa, JV Coach Don Fortner, Taylor Lee, Anna Dorn, Head Coach Bill Gray, Freshman Coach Janet Worries (back row) Jamie Lissy, Taylor Compton, Kristin Brajak, Molly Siwa, Jessica DeBoer



**Freshman Volleyball Team** (front row) Katie Palmer, Christina Pasyk, Corina DelRio, Alexandria Doctor, Alyssa Salata (second row) JV Coach Don Fortner, Assistant JV Coach Jenny Siwa, Stephanie Dwers, Aleksandra Coric, Kathryn Frakes, Angelina Mandic, Freshman Coach Janet Worries, Head Coach Bill Gray (back row) Tammy Montella, Molly Scott, Rachel Morrow, Ellen Crilly, Kara McShane



### Loud and proud

Shouting in the pre-game warm-ups, Kelly Wade, junior, pumps up to play the Calumet Warriors. "Everyone listened to music before games, which got me ready to play and got

me pumped up," Wade said. Wade played most consistently as the backup setter because she moved to any open spot in order to help the other setters, according to Coach Gray.

### Talk it out

Huddled up before the match, Coach Bill Gray strategizes a victory. "When we knew a certain team's weaknesses, it was much easier to defeat

them," Coach Gray said. "Before games, I tried to reinforce what was said at practices and talked about how to shut down our opponent." Captains gave pep talks before games.



# support beyond the sidelines

**While new rules hold team back from competing, girls find comfort in cheering on other sports teams**

"I told people who made fun of cheerleading to come to a practice and see if they could lift someone over their head, catch them when they came flailing down and still look cute."

Taylor Della Rocco, senior

Sitting cross-legged on the floor, captain Bridget Parker waited anxiously to hear the results of the "Wicked" competition.

"The girls were ecstatic when I told them they won," Head Coach Mrs. Trish Hayduk said. "It was a different competition then we had done before. The prize was tickets to see the show."

Requirements of the competition included choreographing a routine to one of the songs from the musical "Wicked," and sending in a tape of the girls performing that routine.

They spent two weeks preparing for the competition sponsored by Mayor Richard Daley, KISS radio station and Broadway in Chicago in part with "Wicked day," according to Mrs. Hayduk.

"We busted our butts getting ready for the competition," Marissa Zoppetti, senior, said. "Winning it was better than any trophy."

## Tightening the Reins

After receiving yet another Sunday competition invite, Taylor Della Rocco, senior, sighed with frustration.

"It was hard to work with the new Indiana rule that we couldn't compete on Sundays," Della Rocco said. "We were required to be at all games which were on Saturdays. The whole team was bummed when Coach Hayduk announced we wouldn't be going to any competitions."

Prohibited from entering competitions, the team stayed busy attending a total of 36 basketball and football games.

"Even though we didn't have the season we envisioned," Hilary Grunewald, senior, said, "It was fun to support the other sports teams and I know they appreciated it."

## Role Models

Tiny elementary girls dressed in miniature cheerleading uniforms crowded the tar track at the first football game. As captains Grunewald and Parker lead them in the Go Big Red cheer, proud parents watched from the stands.

To raise money, the cheerleaders hosted a Kid's Camp. The team spent an afternoon teaching young girls from local elementary schools different cheers, chants and builds.

"We had a good turnout for the camp," Mrs. Hayduk said. "The kids and my team loved when they got to cheer at the home football game."

## the big night

With her parents Taylor Della Rocco, senior, walks down the field on Senior Night. "I was excited because it was finally my night," Della Rocco said. "I watched my teammates since I was a freshman and it was exciting to finally have my turn."



**Varsity Cheerleading Team** (front row) Hilary Grunewald, Marissa Zoppetti, Taylor Della Rocco, Marissa Sylvester, Bridget Parker (second row) Taylor Brian, Debbie Wilczynski, Megan McKechnie, Mattie Velasquez (back row) Stephanie Mirabelli, Elizabeth Stone, Emily Whiting



**JV Cheerleading Team** (front row) Cassandra Drillas, Stephanie Skerich, Kelly Wold, Olivia Yates (second row) Jade McDonald, Jenna Brakulis, Elizabeth Leslie (back row) Nicole Raynor, Lindsay Hayes

**Freshman Cheerleading Team** (front row) Makaela Moyer, Jill Leslie, Mary Drzich, Ali Blanchard (second row) Lauren McGill, Kristen Harker, Liz Kaiser (back row) Leslie Salisbury, Katie Sila



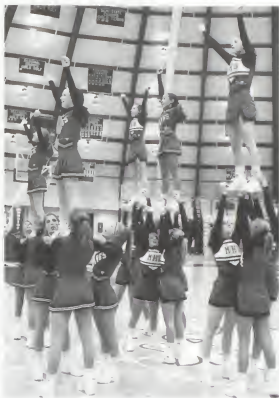




### last hope

Hands gripped in fear, Megan McKechnie, junior, anticipates the end of the Valparaiso game. "Basketball games were

the most exciting because you were on the court," McKechnie said. "One basket could change the game. It was intense."



### "v" for victory

Focused on the stands, Emily Whiting, sophomore, tops a build at a Boys' Basketball game. During player introductions, the team cheered and did stunts. "We did the cheer to get the crowd excited and to pump up our team," Whiting said.



### opening the show

After hitting a tight half "T," Cassandra Drillas, sophomore, sings along to the fight song. "We did the cheer at every football game because it was a tradition to get the game started," Drillas said.

### staying on the line

In perfect unison, the cheer leading team performs the fight song. "It was fun to get the whole team together to perform the cheer because it was impressive when there were so many girls on the field at the same time," captain Bridget Parker, senior, said.



### up, up and away

Concentrated on grabbing her base's shoulders, Emily Whiting, sophomore, goes up in a build at the Lake Central (LC) basketball game. "It was important for your teammates to have your feet tight so they could lift you properly," Whiting said. While up in a lift, Marissa Sylvester, senior, hits a high 'v' at Sectional game against East Chicago. "When you were up, you really had to trust your bases," Sylvester said. "If you didn't and you looked down, you ended up on the ground." Hair flying, Hilary Grunewald, senior, comes down from a stunt during the first quarter of the LC game. "Staying tight and keeping your arms locked into your sides was how you needed to be when you came down from a stunt" Grunewald said. "If you flailed coming down, you would end up hitting one of your teammates in the face."

# back to back State champions

## Varsity Dance Team returns undefeated in Hip Hop all season

### Varsity Dance

Portage Invite

Hip Hop 1st

Jazz 3rd

Pom 2nd

Homestead Invite

Hip Hop 1st

Jazz 2nd

Pom 2nd

Lake Central Invite

Hip Hop 1st

Jazz 2nd

Pom 1st

Regionals

Hip Hop 1st

Jazz 2nd

Pom 2nd

State

Hip Hop 1st

Jazz 4th

Pom 3rd

### JV Dance

Portage Invite

Pom 2nd

Jazz 2nd

Homestead Invite

Pom 1st

Jazz 1st

Lake Central Invite

Pom 1st

Jazz 1st

Regionals

Pom 2nd

Jazz 2nd

State

Pom 1st

Jazz 2nd

As she fiercely slammed her piercing alarm, captain Sam Taylor, senior, woke up at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. Decked out in black clothing, Taylor had 30 minutes to spare until she arrived at the 12-hour dance practice that lay ahead of her.

"The first thing I thought was that this was going to be a long day and I wanted it to go by quick," Taylor said.

After the girls arrived at 7:45 a.m., they began stretching to wake up. The choreography session started from 8 a.m. and ended at 8 p.m. where they learned their Pom and half of their Hip Hop routine. When Sunday morning arrived, the team rehearsed for six more hours learning the rest of their Hip Hop dance.

"[Practice] was more mentally than physically tiring. It was a lot of material to learn in one day," Lauren Tanzillo, junior, said.

### Injuries come at surprise

When applause roared throughout the gymnasium, captain Riyona Abraham, senior, strolled off the floor to celebrate her dance performance. Ten minutes after she reached her seat, pain struck through Abraham's ankle.

Determined to dance, the severe pain hindered Abraham's performances. Abraham then realized she couldn't perform at the Munster and Portage Dance Invitational.

"It was like letting my team down," Abraham said. "I felt as though the puzzle was not complete. It was hard to make the puzzle complete without the missing piece."

After Abraham's ankle fully recovered, she returned to the team to fulfill her leadership duties as captain.

### Always Number One

With their hands clasped together, the girls anticipated the results of State Finals. The team cried as the announcer proclaimed them the champions of the Elite Hip Hop category.

"People didn't think we could repeat our success, but we solidified our place on top," Taylor said. "People knew us for Hip Hop."

Keeping in line with tradition, the captains, Taylor and Abraham galloped like horses to receive their first place trophy.

### can't touch this

With a smirk on her face, Riyona Abraham, senior, shows her Hip Hop routine. "This dance was a different style of Hip Hop, and it brought more to the table," Abraham said.



### through the line

Legs stretched above their heads, Rachel Eldert, Lizzie Browder and Sam Taylor, seniors, dance at a football game. "Kick dances entertained the crowd," Browder said.



### one step closer

During the Munster Invitational, Kaitlin Newell, senior, smiles as she performs the pom routine. "We had a lot of different choreography that stood out," Newell said.





#### toss it up

Poms shaking in the air, Kaitlin Newell, senior, practices the pom routine before competition season. The girls practiced for two hours three days a week. "The inside jokes we had at practice made it a fun environment and less stressful," Newell said.

**Varsity Dance Team** (front row) Tanya Duric, Rizzie Fisher (second row) Michelle Zehner, Courtney Basile, Olivia Gershman, Sam Taylor, Rachel Eldert, Rhyona Abraham, Kaitlin Newell (back row) Molly Tribou, Lauren Tanzillo, Shelby Taylor, Brittany Zehner, Tess Edvardsen, Jackie Kovach, Natalie Miyashiro



**JV Dance Team** (front row) Jessica Kitchell, Renae Miyashiro (second row) Katie Miller, Ryanne Abraham, Amanda Porter, Taylor Marcus, Kristen Sloboski, Allie Hurwich, Emily Speckman (back row) Lindsey Kitchell, Nicole Montella, Elaine Williams, Bailey Voss, Jenny Rooth, Sophie Koufos



#### in the spotlight

Slowly making her next move, Amanda Porter, sophomore, performs her solo to "It's All Coming Back To Me" by Celine Dion. Arms prepared to do a foute, Tess Edvardsen, sophomore, rehearses her solo to "Life Goes On" by Elissa. Edvardsen's solo placed eighth at State. While warming up before the Regional competition, Sam Taylor and Rhyona Abraham, seniors, pose in perfect unison to "Your Guardian Angel" by the Red Jumpsuit Apparatus. Their ensemble received seventh at State. Carefully perfecting a leap, Sophie Koufos, sophomore, practices her routine before the Regional competition to "Clean Bee" by Barbara Streisand. Koufos's performance received fifth at State.



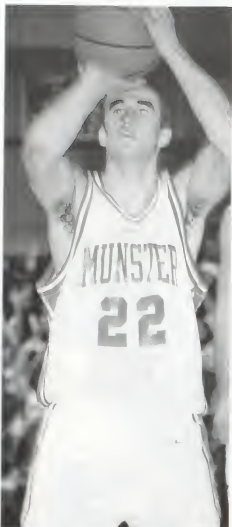
### stand guard

While his teammate shoots a free throw, Milos Mandic, senior, positions to snatch the rebound. "We had an issue with rebounding all season," Mandic said. "In the Valpo game it came down to that, and we lost."



### foul play

At the charity stripe, Steve Luplak, senior, takes a free throw shot. "We got momentum from defensive stops and turned that into great plays on the offensive end," Luplak said. "Luplak earned the Mr. Defense award."



### get a grip

Scrambling to get a handle on the ball, Joe Gill, sophomore, fights for possession with Lake Central's Joe Wings, senior. "I tried to hustle and go all out everytime I played," Gill said. "When people brought energy to the floor, it helped boost the team." Joe had more playing time after Mike Sudbury, senior, tore his ACL.



Varsity Basketball Team (front row) Krste Ruiz, Jon Contos, Alex Brajak, Mike Bizoukas, Steve Luplak, Dan Crisman, Tommy Mambourg (second row) Luke Hackett, Brandon Ruiz, Joe Gill, Mike Fisher, Mike Sudbury, Milos Mandic, Emi Uwidia, Luke Hackett (back row) Mike Mikolajczyk, Jeff Tucker, Mike Hackett, Greg Luksich, John Doherty





# Record speaks louder than words

Finishing the first round Sectional game against Gary West Side with five three-pointers, Jon Contos, senior, stayed in line with the season's theme of long jump shots and threes.

The boys started the game with 15 of their first 17 points coming from beyond the arc. They carried on the three-point streak throughout the 72-69 double overtime win.

"I knew I had to step up," Contos said. "My teammates found me when I broke free, and I knocked down shots."

The team also shot a high three-point percentage in the second round against Lake Central, winning 58-44. Even center, Mike Fisher, senior, beat the halftime buzzer with a deep three.

"Lake Central got hot at the end of the season going into Sectionals, and we knew we had to play well," Head Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher, said. "We played a very complete game and stretched out the lead in the end."

With a win against Lake Central, the team moved on to face East Chicago (EC) Central in a back and forth third round of Sectionals. Eight points determined the previous four meetings between the teams and Sectionals proved no differently. EC sunk crucial free throws in overtime to pull off a 58-54 win.

"The team showed a great effort but a rebound here and a made free throw there could have made the difference," Hackett said.

## Unexpected loss brings reform

As the buzzer rang, captain Dan Crisman, senior, walked off the Calumet Fieldhouse floor. On his way to the boys' locker rooms, Crisman glared at the scoreboard, proof of the team's four-point loss to No. 10 Calumet.

"We were really disappointed with the loss to Calumet," Coach Hackett said. "We were in control in the first three quarters, but we played a terrible fourth and they played great."

Throughout the fourth quarter, the boys watched their eight point lead fizzle away. Coach Hackett attributed the loss to the 14 turnovers and missed free throws.

"It was disappointing to let a lead like that go away. We had some senior leadership from Sudbury and Contos, but it wasn't enough to put us in the lead," captain Mike Bizoukas, senior, said.

Calumet on the other hand, pushed ahead in the fourth. They scored 27 points in the last quarter and sunk seven out of eight free throws to beat their No. 3 ranked opponents.

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## Team matches record 21-win season but falls short at Sectionals



This was one of my favorite and one of the best teams that I had ever played on.  
Mike Bizoukas, senior

## Varsity Basketball

21-4  
Chesterton 60-57  
Merrillville 50-48  
Hammond 56-40  
Calumet 62-68

LAC Tournament  
Lake Station 51-20  
Hobart 60-45  
Andrean 45-43  
Hammond 63-62  
Lake Central 57-52  
Kankakee Valley 100-56  
Andrean 69-28  
East Chicago 58-59  
Lowell 66-46  
Clark 63-33  
Bishop Noll 91-59  
Highland 64-39  
Valparaiso 49-54  
Griffith 100-56  
Hobart 68-47  
Gary West 53-52  
Gary Wirt 48-42  
Gary Wallace 69-54

Sectionals  
Gary West 72-69  
Lake Central 58-44  
East Chicago 54-58

First Team All Conference  
Mike Bizoukas  
Dan Crisman  
Steve Luptak

Honorable Mention  
All Conference  
Jon Contos

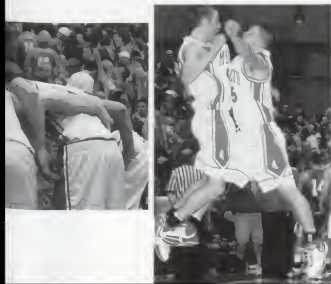
All State Qualifiers  
Mike Bizoukas  
Dan Crisman  
Steve Luptak

### team captain

On a second-quarter break, captain Mike Bizoukas, senior, listens as Head Coach Mike Hackett gives him advice on what play to call. "When coach saw something on the court, he would tell me what play would work best," Bizoukas said. Bizoukas received the Mental Attitude award.

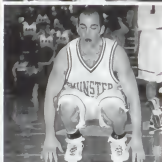
## pregamerituals

Arms around each other, the team huddles to discuss plays. After the player introductions, Steve Luptak and Tommy Mambour, seniors, bump chests. Before the start of the Valparaiso game, the team cheers to motivate each other. "The cheers were always led by the senior captains," Mike Fisher, senior, said. "They tried to get us focused and get our heads in the game." With a 21-4 season record, the team tied the school record for most number of wins.



## free throw

To ensure a firm footing on the court, Dan Crisman, senior, wipes off his Nike tennis shoes. Before obtaining the ball from the referee, he bends down to stretch his legs. Eye on the basket, Crisman shoots a free throw. Crisman used this routine to prepare for every free throw shot. "I did that every time because it was how I got comfortable and ready to shoot a free throw," Crisman said. "That was a good win for us because we beat Andean by 40 points." Crisman had the individual record for rebounds and earned the Mental Attitude Award.



**JV Basketball Team** (front row) Alex McGuire, Matt Gaskey, Demetrios Pitsas, Ray Lopez, Federico Olasebikan, Jeff Lucas, Marcin Kuzma (back row) Tony DiCostanzo, AJ Spolnik, Ben Varnum, Seth Flahaven, Sean Dillner, Greg Luksch



**Freshman Basketball Team** (front row) Josh Lukoshus, Mike Phipps, Simon Webb, Kyle Ritz, Alex Ostoich, Craig Dohman, Mike Jerge (second row) Larry Allen, Ryan Wilkinson, Brandon Pluard, Zach Vega, Joel Brumm, Alex Vlahu (back row) Kevin Watterson, Mike Mikolajczyk, Justin Gill

### floored

As he lays sprawled out on the floor, Joe Gill, sophomore, looks to the referee for the call during the Lake Central game. "Rivalry games were always

the most fun because they brought the biggest crowds," Gill said. Joe received the sixth man award for his great play off the bench.



# record speaks louder than words

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"The loss to Calumet showed us we weren't really as good as we thought," Crisman said. "It helped us realize as a team what weaknesses we had and needed to focus on at practice."

## Injury forces seniors to step up

When Mike Sudbury, senior, fell in the third quarter of the Lowell game, he hoped his knee wasn't as bad as it felt. Reality hit, however, when he discovered he tore his ACL, benching him for the remainder of the season.

"It was absolutely horrible," Sudbury said. "I felt my knee hit the floor and I feared the worst. I hated not being able to play, but it actually worked out better for some of the other guys."

With Sudbury out of the center position, seniors Milos Mandic and Mike Fisher eyed the strating spot.

"The open spot made them work harder," Sudbury said. "It made for a little friendly competition, which benefited them."

Though the team had just lost their starting center, the players knew they were in good shape, according to Jon Contos, senior.

"I knew we would be fine," Contos said. "We still had two more big guys in Fisher and Mandic who both had a lot of talent. They both did a great job before the injury and we were confident they would continue to do so."

Contos proved right and the injury didn't slow down the team. They picked up where they left off: 8-1 in their remaining nine games and 19-3 in the regular season.

"I think the injury put a lot of pressure on me and Milos, but the playing time we got, along with the support from the coaches and team helped us out during the season," Fisher said.

## Shaky start ends in blowout

Twenty seconds remained on the clock, as Milos Mandic, senior, scored the court for an open route to the basket. With no clear path, Mandic dribbled until time ran out.

When the referee's whistle blew, ending the second quarter, Mandic ran into the locker room to join his team for a halftime talk.

"Coach was worried about the Highland game," Mandic said. "He stressed how we needed to focus on only that game."

After his team made 16 turnovers in the first half, anxiety set in, according to Coach Hackett.

"The offense was shaky at first," Coach Hackett said. "We knew that Highland didn't have a good record and didn't want to make their season by letting them beat us. Strange things could happen at rival games."

A break came in the second half to ease Coach Hackett's concerns when the team went on a 20-0 run and sealed the win, 64-39.

"It felt good to win and carry on the tradition of beating Highland," Mike Fisher, senior, said. "Especially in our home gym."

The victory established the team's eighth win in a row over neighboring Highland and its tie for the Lake Athletic Conference Black title.

"Winning Conference was a chance to be called the best team in the Conference, to be called a champion," Coach Hackett said.

## JV Basketball

18-2

Chesterton 50-34  
Merrillville 41-31  
Hammond 33-38  
Calumet 75-21

LAC Tournament  
Lake Station 63-17  
Hobart 49-19

Lake Central 42-37  
Kankakee Valley 68-26  
Andrean 62-29  
East Chicago 32-35  
Lowell 47-25  
Clark 45-25  
Bishop Noll 64-38  
Highland 50-19  
Valparaiso 41-62  
Griffith 73-21  
Hobart 56-29  
Gary West 44-31  
Gary Wirt 54-47  
Gary Valance 45-40

## Freshman Basketball

17-4

Lowell 36-13  
Morton 45-14  
Clark 38-21  
Hobart 46-21  
Portage 58-45  
Highland 52-21  
Lake Central 45-21  
Bishop Noll 39-25  
Gavit 46-19  
Griffith 37-19  
Hammond 44-37  
E.C. Central 40-53  
Roosevelt 39-54

Highland Tournament  
Highland 45-22  
Lake Central 46-43

Merrillville 45-28  
Calumet 63-66  
Valparaiso 24-43  
Andrean 36-31

## driving force

While Lake Central's (LC) Evan Lavery, senior, defends, Jon Contos, senior, drives down the baseline. Evan's transfer to LC made the game more personal, according to Jon. "We knew he wanted to beat us so we had to come out and take care of business," Contos said. "We couldn't let him have that satisfaction."

## fingertip control

In the Morton game, Keste Ruiz, sophomore, uses a no look pass to get the ball to one of the tall players in the center position. At the end of the season, Ruiz received the Sixth Man award. "The award meant that I was the next man in line," Ruiz said. "With nine seniors, sometimes it was hard to get playing time."

## over the top

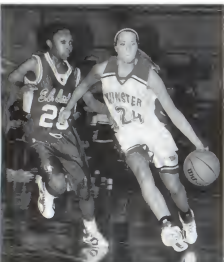
Elevated over Lake Central (LC) player Zach Ferman, senior, Mike Bizoukas, senior, takes a bank shot at the first round of Sectionals. "It was always a rivalry between us and LC," Bizoukas said. "We won that game by a lot considering how well they played." The team beat LC 58-44.





### passing off the pressure

Head up, Lauren Meneghetti, senior, searches for an open player. Meneghetti had the most overall points with 423, most free throws with 76 and most steals with 92.



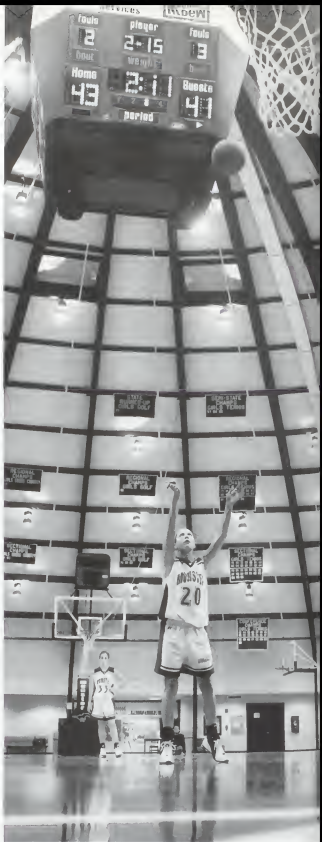
### air born

Hand outstretched, Chelsy Kimes, senior, fights for the rebound. "West Side was always right in my face when I had the ball," Kimes said. With defenders closing in, Kristen Pagane, junior, lays it up. "Layups were easy points, so it was important to make them," Pagane said. Breaking through blockers, Kimes stretches for the shot. Practices proved worth when the girls beat West Side.



### between enemy lines

As the ball sinks through the hoop, Brianne Rubesha, sophomore, watches for the point. "The upperclassmen had more experience and showed us what they did to get the defensive rebounds," Rubesha said. The girls beat Cary West Side 60-57, which was the first time the team beat West Side in school history.



### down the line

While following through on a free throw shot, Kristen Brajak, freshman, recovers from a foul by a West Side girl. "I got worse as the season went on because my mental attitude was not there," Brajak said. "I was not confident enough."

### line of laughs

With mouth wide open, Kristen Brajak, freshman, laughs at a teammate's comment. "We all joked around in the locker room about other teams," Brajak said. The team often reminisced about previous games and events before games.





# confidence on the line

The night began with excited spirits, iPods resounding through players' ears and good luck chants filling the locker room. However, not everything ended as planned.

After a game full of ups and downs, the team faced a loss to West Side in the first game of the Sectional Tournament. With a final score of 52-47, the girls gave up six turnovers and missed six attempted shots in the second quarter, according to captain Chelsy Kimes, senior.

"We thought we could win Sectionals, and we had expectations to win," Kimes said. "We were the only team in the sectional who beat everyone, so we were pretty confident."

Though the girls trailed by 14 points at the half, they did not give up. They outscored West Side 34-22 in the second half. However, the comeback did not add up to victory.

"The girls tried hard, but we just lost confidence, and our defense lagged," Varsity Coach Beth Vesa said.

## Deafening defeat at Conference

Stepping into the first game of the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Tournament, captain Jennifer DiCostanzo found preparing for the supposed weaker Lake Station team difficult.

As anticipated the girls finished with a victory against Lake Station of 56-13. They continued with a winning streak against Lowell and Highland. However, this streak ended in the game against Andean with a 46-55 loss.

Unlike Lake Station, the Lowell Red Devils forced the girls to play a faster paced game, according to Coach Beth Vesa. Kristen Pagane, junior, contributed to the victory with 10 points, ending the game with a 39-26 score.

The girls also proved victorious in the Highland game with a miraculous three-point shot from DiCostanzo. However with this victory, they played Andean in the Semi-Finals next.

Despite the loss in the Andean game, the girls set a goal of improvement and to never give up 17 rebounds again.

"We went into the locker room after the game and it was silent," Chelsy Kimes, senior, said. "Vesa came in and we talked about what we could do to get better."

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## Girls hold up throughout season with young team

### Varsity Basketball 15-7

Valparaiso 40-49  
Chesterton 54-43  
Bishop Noll 30-62  
Gavit 59-13  
Hobart 61-31  
Lake Central 62-51  
Griffith 49-35

### LAC Tournament

Lake Station 56-13  
Lowell 39-26  
Highland 55-40  
Andean 46-55  
Gary West 60-57  
Highland 37-46  
Merrillville 45-62  
Penn 63-60  
Calumet 48-42  
Andean 41-52  
Morton 64-50  
Kankakee Valley 64-50  
East Chicago 51-35  
Lowell 48-36  
Portage 56-59

### Post-season/Honors

Sectionals  
Gary West 47-52

All Conference  
Lauren Meneghetti

2nd Team All  
Conference  
Chelsy Kimes



**Varsity Basketball Team** (front row) Leigh Fimbianti, Kristen Pagane, Chelsy Kimes, Lauren Meneghetti, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Kristen Brajak, Brienne Rubesha (second row) Manager Patty Pfister, Coach Tomasi, Coach Vesa, Coach Davidson, Coach Shinkin, Manager Alyssa Salata (back row) Amanda Riley, Katelyn Chovanec, Manager Melissa Vargo, Amanda Scott, Colleen Shaw

### up for grabs

Higher than her opponents, Amanda Scott, junior, stretches for a rebound with teammates nearby for backup. "It was a team sport, so everyone helped me out," Scott said. "I couldn't do it all by myself."



### lay it on 'em

As two East Chicago players block her shot, Lauren Meneghetti, senior, shoots a lay-up. "I had to take the ball up strong and have my first step quick because they were extremely fast," Meneghetti said. The team voted Meneghetti Most Valuable Player and she received First Team All Conference.



### rebound blockade

In preparation for a rebound, Jennifer DiCostanzo, senior, boxes out her opponent. "West Side was a tough team to face, they always had good timing," DiCostanzo said.



### last stand

Play board in hand, Coach Beth Vesa, math teacher, lays out the necessary upcoming play. After 10 years, Coach Vesa resigned at the end of the season to spend time with her daughter, Kya. "I hoped I taught the girls perseverance and that hard work pays off," Coach Vesa said.



# confidence on the line

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## Sister act

As someone who played in both JV and Varsity games, Marisa Meneghetti, freshman, walked onto the Girls' Basketball Team a bit nervous about playing with older girls. Fortunately, she had a recognizable face to console her.

Marisa saw her older, more experienced sister Lauren Meneghetti as an advantage always available to help her when in need, especially with coach problems. Like any freshman she looked up to the captains, but Marisa actually felt a personal, loving bond to one.

"It was a lot easier to have my sister on the team because she knew how to talk to me and get through to me," Marisa said. "She could always help and had a lot of experience."

The love went both ways. Lauren also enjoyed her sister's presence because it kept her on her toes.

"Having my sister with me on the team was more than a privilege because we got to be together," Lauren said. "I tried to set an example for her and made her try harder at practices and games so that she would step up."

## Seniors to the rescue

With Hallie Gibbs', senior, resignation, the three remaining captains, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Chelsy Kimes, and Lauren Meneghetti, led the team throughout the season.

"I was pleased with the seniors," Coach Vesa said. "They moved the underclassmen along and stayed positive."

To keep the girls on task, the seniors kept a goal of winning Sectionals.

"We still had high expectations, but we knew had to work harder for them," Kimes said. "None of us believed that our season was over when Gibbs left."

However, the team failed to achieve their initial goal when they lost to Gary West Side in the first game of Sectionals. Though the team lost, the seniors encouraged the younger girls to keep their heads up.

"We tried to keep everyone in a positive mood, encouraged the girls and set good examples," Meneghetti said.

## helping hand

On the sideline, Brienne Rubesha, sophomore, receives constructive criticism from Lauren Meneghetti, senior. "All three seniors pulled together and helped us all during the game," Rubesha said. As a sophomore and a first year varsity player, Rubesha often looked to the captains for a boost of support.

## start strong

As the announcer calls her name, Jennifer DiCostanzo, senior, runs between teammates slapping hands. "The starters got announced every game and those that weren't starters made two lines that we ran through," DiCostanzo said.

## JV Basketball

16-4

Valparaiso 25-14

Chesterton 13-20

Bishop Noll 52-16

Gavit 46-14

Hobart 31-21

Lake Central 40-46

Griffith 35-18

## LAC Tournament

Lake Station 47-15

Lowell 25-11

Gary West 36-37

Highland 29-33

Merrillville 33-31

Penn 28-27

Calumet 34-13

Andean 29-25

Morton 41-12

Kankakee Valley 38-30

East Chicago 47-23

Lowell 38-12

Portage 38-25

## Freshman Basketball

Hobart 27-25

Lake Central 15-42

Andean 24-16

Highland 18-27

Calumet 25-22

Merrillville 32-30

Lowell 18-13

Morton 28-18

Gavit 19-31

## Lowell Tournament

Calumet 19-14

Hammond 27-22

Griffith 30-28

LaPorte 21-23

Andean 19-17

Portage 36-31

Highland 12-34

Griffith 16-24

Valparaiso 5-26

Gary West Side 19-34



**Junior Varsity Basketball Team** (front row) Sarah Posey, Jessica Goodrich, Manager Alyssa Salata, Molly Scott, Erin Moss (second row) Emily Becher, Leigh Fimbianti, Kara Curosh, Coach Shinkin (back row) Marisa Meneghetti, Colleen Shaw, Amanda Riley



**Freshmen Basketball Team** (front row) Elodie Enger, Jessica Goodrich, Dominique Ranieri, Katherine Andreatos (second row) Malory Wistotsky, Margaret Heneghan, Coach Tomesi, Emily Becher, Kathryn Merritt (back row) Haley Barfoot, Katie Palmer, Carrie Frank, Courtney Wagner



# drowning out the competition

## Unified spirit helps team capture 21st consecutive Sectional title



Our team bond was unbreakable. Everyone worked together and got along really well. Mitch Farnsley, senior

### Swimming

8-2

Penn 130-56

Lowell 146-37

Munster Relays 1st

Griffith 129-53

Valparaiso 147-33

Portage 141-45

Ham. SE Inv 2nd

Highland Invite 1st

SB Riley 126-63

Lake Central 115-71

Merrillville 1st

LAC 1st

Highland 142-41

Chesterton 89-97

Laporte 1st

Post-season/Honors Sectionals 1st place

State

6th place

LAC Champions

Joe Raycroft

Andrew Kaminski

Jeff Heintz

Pulse racing, Corey Bandura, sophomore, touched the pool wall. He then emerged from the water to see the remaining swimmers still finishing the 200-meter Freestyle Sectional race.

"I was in shock," Bandura said. "I finished just like every other race, looked around and thought 'I just won Sectionals.' It didn't actually hit me until I was standing on the podium."

Bandura consistently swam the season as one of the top five swimmers along with captains Joe Raycroft and Mitch Farnsley, seniors; and Andrew Kaminski and Matt Thompson, juniors. However, success never came easily, according to Bandura.

"I was pretty bad my freshman year," Bandura said. "But at one of our first meets, the Red and White Meet, I beat all my times. I realized I had improved a lot."

Despite his youth amongst the team, the season brought more than broken times and new victories, according to Bandura.

"I saw a person before me do well, and I wanted to do well too," Bandura said. "Swimming motivated me to do better in everything."

### Look ahead

Panting from his race, Raycroft watched the final races at Sectionals. In only a few weeks, he would finish his high school career and move on to Notre Dame University.

"I started swimming when I was six years old," Raycroft said. "My parents kind of made me. I said, 'Sure, I'll try it.'"

Raycroft's career extended farther. He led the team as No. one swimmer, preceding the other captains Matt Kuehn, Tony Markovich and Mitch Farnsley, seniors.

"I helped lead the team, but we all did it together," Raycroft said. "We were versatile and had a lot of depth. Most teams had one or two guys who specialized in one or two events, but we had several guys who were good in a lot of different events."

### Taking a dive

Din quickly quieted itself as Jeff Heintz, senior, shifted the fulcrum and stepped on the edge of the board.

He launched into his hardest dive, a reverse one and one half somersault with a one and one half twist. When he surfaced, applause rang in his ears as he waited for the judges to raise the scorecards.

From his dives Heintz earned sixth place at State. Though he wanted to place in the top five, Heintz remained happy with the end result.

"Any medal was a good one," Heintz said.

### free time

Mouth open, Connor Leto, senior, gasps for air. "Our team never stressed out," Leto said. "We just did our best and were always laughing." Leto specialized in Freestyle and competed with it all season.

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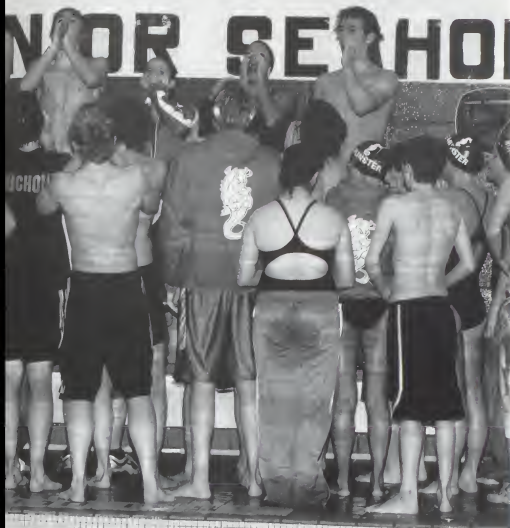
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**pump it up**

Filled with spirit, Captain Matt Kuehn, senior, leads the team in their cheer. "I wasn't one of the top swimmers, but [the team] still voted for me to be captain," Kuehn said. "All the kids were really nice to me."

**fly fast**

Ready for a breath of air, Andrew Kaminski, junior, propels through the water using the Butterfly stroke. Kaminski broke the school record in 100 yard Breast stroke and earned 4th at State.



**Boys' Swim Team** (front row) Patrick Raycroft, Thomas Sanders, Sheldon Suggs, Jack Gallagher, Mike Damore, Mike Cap, Troy Llokema, John Fissinger (second row) John Gaskill, Dan Boyle, Adam Mayer, Chris Cheng, Joe O'Brien, Sean Georgas, Joey Belkairous, Dan Linneer, Patrick O'Brien (third row) Greg Meyer, Corey Bandura, Zach Waller, Adam Belkairous, Joe Wulf, Eric Anderson, Tommy Bassetto, Dan Nuotens, Travis Kmetz, Murray Crabtree, Harris Hernandez, Matt Thompson (fourth row) Evan Heintz, Brendan Georgas, Jeff Heintz, Jeff Feliszak, Joey Bonessa, Matt Paulos, Sean Tomazini, Drake Haulflore, Coach Robin Tobias, Coach Larry Hutzinger (back row) Joe Raycroft, Mitch Farnsely, Connor Leto, Tony Markovich, Matt Kuehn, Chance Morgan, Andrew Kaminski, Sonny Marcetic, Coach Janel Tobias

**between the lanes**

Attention focused on the wall, Joe Raycroft, senior, competes in the Breast Stroke. "I got third at State in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 yard Backstroke," Raycroft said. "I had higher expectations than that." By the end of the season, Joe earned the Most Valuable Person and Pride, Hustle and Desire awards.

**fighting chance**

With three strokes to go, Matt Thompson, junior, completes his race in the individual Medley. "We had to do 50 yards of each stroke," Thompson said. "I didn't normally compete in Backstroke." Thompson fought to overcome pneumonia before Sectionals, and advanced to State.

**curl up and dive**

Head tucked, Captain Jeff Heintz, senior, concentrates on his dive. "All I thought was, 'I know I can do this,'" Heintz said. Prepared to dive, Brendan Georgas, senior, stays calm. "I blocked out everything and thought about what I had to do," Georgas said.

## beyond the water

Waiting for her turn in the pool, Emily Chen, freshman, sits on the deck during practice. "The coaches divided us into groups that day," Chen said, "I had to wait in the cold until my group went." After shaking hands with Mrs. Janel Tobias, science teacher, Jordan Jancosek, senior, makes her way to another coach on senior night. With lots of time to spare at the Highland meet, Katie Dobs, freshman tries to find something to occupy her time. "There wasn't much to do when you had to wait for your event," Dobs said.



## within reach

Arm stretched ahead of her, Cara Briggs, senior, pauses for air. "Swimming was always grueling," Briggs said, "But the hard work was worth it when we did well at Sectionals."



**Swim Team** (front row) Elle Kirby, Sarah Sikora, Lyndsey Kunz, Lauren Lomeli, Nikki Pagan, Breanne Lawler, Molly Poczontek (second row) Megan Hammermeister, Emily Ellison, Ariana Dremonas, Valerie Alvarez, Kelly Rauch, Mary Benman, Gabrielle Rapin, Jordana Boto (third row) Alex Hara, Kathryn Martino, Jordan Jancosek, Alicia Tuuk, Annie Seaman, Stephanie Gajewski, Stacey Wierman, Shrin Kaim-alpour, Katie Dobs (fourth row) Nina Damjanovich, Anja Mitric, Stephanie Ruiz, Jennifer Romano, Anna Pycinska, Cara Briggs, Alex Fraken, Taina Damjanovich, Shannon McCarthy, Kathryn Frakes, Courtney Hoyle, Coach Janel Tobias (fifth row) Christina Kouklakis, Kara Korem, Ping Muangmingsuk, Stephanie Baker, Amina Benman, Katie Hluska, Rachel Hluska, Ximena Fernandez-de-Cordova, Emily Chen, Lexi Westerfield, Coach Jekena Gober, Kelsey Hauflaire (back row) Andrea Damore, Brianne O'Connor, Danica Rodriguez, Samantha Torres, Micaela Osanna, Alison Bernman, Paige Patterson, Colleen Anderson, Melina Moreno, Kristi Roser, Ellie Boston, Coach Robin Tobias

## ups and downs

Tucked into a dive, Christina Kouklakis, senior, performs at a meet. For Kouklakis, diving on a daily basis provided con-

tinual stress relief, but the hardest part was remaining calm. "I listened to everything from rock to techno on my headphones," Kouklakis said.



# coming up short at State Finals

Arms crossed, Head Coach Robin Tobias, English teacher, paced the deck at Sectionals. The Girls' Varsity Swim Team worked all season and it had paid off.

"After the preliminaries I felt confident," Coach Tobias said. "We qualified for the finals, and that qualification assured that we had enough points for another sectional victory."

Having enough points to secure the win didn't stop Coach Tobias from worrying about Munster's biggest competition: Crown Point, Lake Central, and Highland. For the past 11 years, they took home the sectional title and Coach Tobias didn't want one to slip by, according to Elle Kirby, sophomore.

The girls went home with another sectional win to add to the legacy known as the Lady Seahorses.

## Back-to-back crowns

Leaving the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) resulted in a sweet rather than bitter goodbye for the Lady Seahorses.

By the end of the meet, the girls finished first with 386 points, closely followed by Highland with 326 points. This win secured the second and final LAC crown. The girls bid farewell to the LAC due to a move to a larger division.

"We were happy to win the final LAC crown," Coach Tobias said. "Usually we had a tough time at this meet. It came between the Highland Invite and Sectionals so we were usually tired."

However, fatigue didn't deter Tashi Damjanovich, junior, from finishing first in 50-Meter Freestyle.

"We were looking forward to Sectionals," Tashi said. "The fact that we won back-to-back LAC crowns was just amazing."

## Strength without numbers

Big things came in small packages for the Varsity Girls' Diving Team, according to Coach Janel Tobias, science teacher.

### frog legs

Quickly taking a breath, Stacey Wierman, freshman, kicks her legs. "Breast stroke required lots of energy," Wierman said. "You also had to be able to take deep enough breaths in the amount of time you were above the water."

### back it up

After arriving promptly at 3 p.m., Alicia Tuuk, senior, practices the 100-Meter Backstroke. "I'd been swimming since I was seven," Alicia said. "Swimming was very important in my life. I was going to Hope College to swim."

Even with a team of only three divers, the girls still managed to receive the top three spots at Conference, placed first at Sectionals and ranked one diver, Christina Kouklakis, senior, 12th in the State.

Since her freshman year, Kouklakis went to Indianapolis to compete amongst some of the best divers in Indiana.

"Diving gave me time management skills, responsibility, and sportsmanship," Kouklakis said. "I was also a very competitive person, and it was my outlet."

## Seahorses win back- to-back LAC Championship crowns



We **worked** hard as a team. We were all **connected** and our coaches really **encouraged** us. Cara Briggs, senior

## Swimming

13-2

Penn 104-82  
LaPorte 139-45  
Crown Point 118-68  
Carmel 58.5-129.5  
Lowell 136-48  
Griffith 145-31  
Valparaiso 124-62  
Portage 126-60  
Hammond Invite  
Lake Central 132-54  
Highland Invite 1st place  
LAC 1st place  
Merrillville 122-105  
Highland 107-79  
Chessteron 84.5-101.5

## Post-season/Honors

Sectionals  
1st place

State  
31st place

Sectional Champions  
Christina Kouklakis  
Anna Pycinski  
Cara Briggs

## every second counts

As Alex Frakes, junior, swims the 500-Meter Freestyle, Anna Pycinska, junior, holds the lap count card for her. "Holding the lap cards gave you something to do," Pycinska said. "It also helped the person who was swimming." Swimmers had plenty of free time during meets.





### moment of truth

While the referee checks to see if both shoulder blades are touching the mat, Erin Estrada, sophomore, struggles to pin down his opponent for 3 back points. "We had a successful season and sent two people down to state," Estrada said. Erin won Regionals and lost in his first round at State.

### hold the line

Clutched to his opponent, Danny Johnson, freshman, struggles to stay on top. "I just tried to think good thoughts," Johnson said. "I told myself I was going to win, and it helped me get through the match." Johnson finished his season with a record of 18-18.



### ready to rumble

Seconds away from a pin, Tim Qualls, junior, pushes his opponent from Concord down on the mat. "I thought about my plan of moves and technical advances," Qualls said. Trying to turn the opponent over, Gilroy Velasquez, junior, wins a triumphant match. "Making it to Regionals was my biggest accomplishment." Struggling on his legs, Kyle Gouwers, freshman, competes for his match.



### rise to the moment

After pinning his Michigan City opponent, Eric McGill, senior, picks himself up at the Munster Super Duals. "The team won 3-2 overall," McGill said. McGill went on to win State in the 145 pound division.

### winner's hand

As he unbuttons his headgear, Jake Smith, junior, raises his hand after a victory against Concord. "We really wanted to win Sectionals but we got runner up," Smith said.



# state qualifiers back on top

Among the thousands of screaming fans scattered throughout the gym, the final showdown between seniors Eric McGill and Hobart's Brennan Kosgrove took place on the mat. The match was tied at a 5-5 score. With 25 seconds left, McGill scored the winning point, making him Munster's first two-time state champion.

"After so many ups and downs, it was good to bounce back and finish the season the right way," McGill said.

McGill and Kosgrove competed six times before State, each wrestler had won three matches. However, the third match at the Morton Sectionals didn't run as smoothly as others.

"There was confrontation at the match," McGill said. "I had already beaten him twice. He celebrated when there was still time on the clock. He didn't act like he should have. A little shoving went on between us."

With the big accomplishment under his belt, McGill made the decision for his future with an 85% paid for scholarship at Cornell University.

## Mind set

With a sack of fruit, salad and a sandwich clutched in his hand, David Ramirez, junior, practiced to make weight for the next meet.

"I wore two layers of clothing to practices so I could meet the weight I needed," Ramirez said. "It became kind of routine after awhile."

According to Tim Qualls, junior, dieting became a way to step on the scale and successfully make weight requirements for competitions.

"I watched what I ate first of all, but I would also run a lot," Qualls said. "Especially close to meet time, I would just eat chicken salad and maybe something healthy like granola bars."

## Rock the cradle

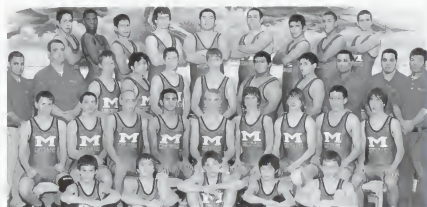
For underclassmen Jake Smith, junior; Erin Estrada, sophomore; and Alex Surma, freshman, leadership proved to be of vital importance, according to Coach Dan Gelardin, science teacher.

"We had better balance as a team," Coach Gelardin said. "We had good wrestlers, and, at the end of this year, we only lost two kids."

According to Mitch LaRock, junior, Estrada was one of a kind, having made his second year to state as a sophomore.

"He made it to state as a freshman last year, and he pushed himself hard for such a little thing," LaRock said.

At state, Estrada lost the match to the wrestler who placed second.



**Wrestling Team** (front row) Kyle Gouwens, Danny Johnson, Alex Surma, Nik Milevsnic, Evan Mudronick (second row) Dylan Tabor, Mike Adams, Evan Maul, Aaron Estrada, Eric McGill, Jacob Smith, Alex Morlas, Jesus Avina, Brandon Bragg (third row) Assistant Coach Bobby Joe Maldonado, Head Coach Dan Gelardin, Clint Boelt, Adrian Gutierrez, Brad Lewis, Sean Ziemba, Manny Lopez, Jose Aguilar, Assistant Coach Paul Maldonado, Assistant Coach Tim Maldonado, Assistant Coach Thurman Stone (top row) Javier Carvajal, Paul Thompson, Gilroy Velasquez, Tim Qualls, Phil Chiang, Mitch LaRock, David Ramirez, Martin Ortiz, Adam Rhoda

## McGill defeats competition to earn consecutive State titles

### Wrestling

6-18

McCutcheon 37-42  
Elkhart Memorial 9-51  
Delphi 27-45  
Lowell 37-42  
Chesterton 26-45  
Morton 54-19  
Calumet 24-51  
Avon 15-48  
Cathedral 27-52  
Warren Central 14-64  
Highland 34-39  
East Central 27-44  
Mishawaka 0-82  
Floyd Central 9-68  
Southmont 15-60  
Highland 30-52  
Lake Station 48-30  
Hobart 9-54  
Highland 39-23  
Concord 31-39  
Michigan City 66-18  
Griffith 36-30  
VonSteuben 63-16  
South Bend Clay 34-37  
Hobart Invite  
6th place

### Post-season/Honors

Lake County Tournament  
5th place  
LAC Tournament  
7th place

### Sectionals 2nd place

### Regionals Merrillville 54-21

### Individual Sectionals

Alex Surma  
Aaron Estrada  
Eric McGill

### Individual Regionals

Jacob Smith-3rd  
Alex Surma-4th  
Aaron Estrada-1st  
Eric McGill

### Individual Semi-state

Aaron Estrada-4th  
Eric McGill-1st

### State Champion

Eric McGill-145 lb



boys zero in on

# Last Conference title

## Team conquers rivals before defeat in Sectionals

### Varsity Baseball

22-6

Clark 12-9

New Haven 9-2

TF South 3-4

MT Vernon 11-12

Bishop Noll 4-3

Griffith 9-4

Andean 6-9

Hobart 22-2

Valparaiso 10-9

Kankakee Valley 12-0

Lowell 12-2

Highland 6-0

Bishop Noll 14-2

Hobart 8-1

Boone Grove 8-10

Lake Central 10-5

Griffith 2-5

Andean 2-1

Kankakee Valley 4-1

Lowell 14-8

Highland 8-1

North Newton 16-3

Chesterton 4-8

LAC Tourney

Lake St. 27-2

Highland 3-0

Andean 6-3

Griffith 8-7

### Post-season/Honors

#### Sectionals

Highland 3-2

#### Times All Area

##### First Team

Adam Enright 1B

Brett Keeler 3B

Temperatures rose and flowers bloomed in radiant shades of red and purple. Notions of the last weeks of school clouded students' heads as they watched the final minutes of class ticked by. As Chris Winterhaler, senior, gazed out the window at the inviting spring breeze, only one thought captured his mind; it was finally baseball season.

Season plans did not begin as expected, according to Winterhaler. At the end of March, he broke his hand during batting practice and believed to be out anywhere from six to eight weeks.

"Sitting out and watching my team was one of the most frustrating experiences ever," Winterhaler said. "All I could do was cheer on my teammates and try to keep them in the game."

A broken hand didn't stop Winterhaler, however. After a six-week recovery, he once again took back the game.

"I was nervous to start pitching again. I was afraid I lost my speed and pitching ability," Winterhaler said. "But I knew I had a job to fill. I was a senior; I had a lot of pressure on me."

Little did he know, fear and nerves didn't stand a chance.

"At first I was scared to pitch big games, especially against a team like Griffith," Winterhaler said. "My nerves hit before the game, but it went away when I started to warm up."

Overcrowded fans packed the bleachers as Winterhaler threw his last pitch in the LAC championship game against Griffith. He secured a score of 8-4, eventually winning the LAC Conference Tournament for the first time since 2004.

## Toughing it out against Andean

Glove raised to his face, pitcher Blake Platt, junior, stared the Andean batter in the eye. He paused, took a deep breath and then prepared for his windup.

"When I was pitching, I didn't think," Platt said. "I never looked at the stands or heard anyone cheering. I just blocked everything out and focused on my pitch."

Not everyone believed that concentration was enough to conquer the Andean 59'ers. However, worrying over the outcome didn't improve chances of victory, according to Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher,

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## In the Dust

With a runner at his feet, Brett Keeler, junior, questions the play. "The runner slid into third, but there wasn't a play," Keeler said. "I just stood there watching because there was no throw and no need for any action, just a pointless slide."



Boys' Varsity Baseball Team (front row) John Bugajski, Greg Schmitt, Bret Keil, Brian Ritz, Blake Platt, Pat Kozlowski, Adam Enright (second row) Brett Keeler, coach Jeff Rosen, Alex Rosales, Coach Bob Shinkan, Jack Standley, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Chris Winterhaler, Coach Matt Backs (back row) Pat DeRolf, Pete Jurich, Nick Fisher, Mike Sudbury, Brandon Miller, Jeff Spyra, Ryan Shimla



### Best foot forward

With the ball in mid air, Michael Sudbury, senior, follows it on it's way to home plate. "I enjoyed pitching," Sudbury said. "I didn't find it stressful, just enjoyable because when I pitched I was in control of the game and there was no time to stress out about anything."



### Tidy Time

Keeping a firm hand on the broom, Chris Winterhaler, senior, sweeps the field in between a doubleheader. "We rake the field to keep the dirt good and clean," Winterhaler said. "We take pride in cleaning our field and keeping it nice."

### Eyeing It

Arms out and ready, Chris Winterhaler, senior, leads off the base in the Kankakee Valley game. "When you were on a base you had to be ready for action and really have your head in the game," Winterhaler said.



### In the Moment

Eye on the ball, Adam Enright, senior, holds his bat in preparation for his swing. "As cliché as it sounded, you had to really just focus on connecting with the ball," Enright said. "You had to block out everything else and just concentrate." A moment after his hit, Pat DeRolf, senior, waits for the result. "I was seeing if I had time to run," DeRolf said. "I ended up scoring that game." Focused on his swing, Pete Jurich, senior, eyes the pitch. "I was waiting for a good pitch," Jurich said. "You couldn't just swing at anything the pitcher gave you." Although Jurich's strongest aspect was his catching, he still made the winning hit in the second game against Andean.

## Check it out

Taking a break, Michael Sudbury and Brett Keil seniors, watch their teammates score. "It wasn't hard to watch our offense because I trusted them," Sudbury said. Congregated together, the team takes a break after the Hobart game. "We had a double header," Alex Rosales, junior, said. "We were getting something to eat before we played Boone Grove." Before the start of a home game, the team joins hands. "Before every game we got together and said our cheer as a team," Nick Fisher, senior, said. "It got us pumped up and in the right mind set to play our best."



## Down the Line

Up to plate, Brian Ritz, junior, readies to hit. "My hitting was my strongest aspect," Ritz said. "I liked it better than the outfield." Ritz held a .3500 season batting average.



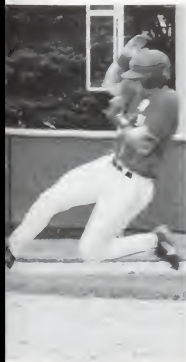
Boys' Junior Varsity Baseball Team (front row) Mark Dye, Kevin Nossem, T.J. Hecimovich, Matt Bonini, Austin Wynn, Jeremy Aponte (second row) Ray Lopez, Pat Howard, Basil Herbeck, Kurt Leaney, Mike Adams, Ryan Sanders, Coach Matt Backs (back row) Trevor Bozich, Jerrett Tite, Jacob Biscan, Joe Gill, AJ Spolnick, Demetrios Pitsas

## Kicking up Dust

Joe first into the base, Brett Keil, senior, puts his arms up in preparation for a slide. "The choice to slide or not is a split-second decision," Keil said. "You just have to go for whatever you thought was right." Munster went on to beat Kankakee Valley 12-0, while Keil earned Times All-Area 2nd Team honors at shortstop at the end of the season.







boys zero in on

# Last Conference

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"I never made predictions about games. It wasn't me," Coach Shinkan said. "All I knew was that we'd show up and play."

He walked into the game with a clear mind, according to Platt.

"I tried not to expect anything," Platt said. "I knew Andrean was a good team. I just wanted to go out there and do my best."

Eight innings of focus and determination paid off when it came down to the final moments of the game. Platt held off Andrean, giving up one run before being relieved by Greg Schmidt, senior.

With the game tied 1-1 and the pressure at its peak, Pete Jurich, senior, stepped up to the plate. Silence swept the bleachers as fans and teammates held their breath. Eye glued to the speeding baseball, Jurich swung and cracked it across the field. Fans flew up in cheer as Jurich's hit sent the third base runner across home plate, winning the seemingly never-ending game.

## Team disappointed by Sectional loss

Head in his hands, Brandon Miller, junior, sighed with a combination of shock, disbelief and disappointment.

After holding a two point lead for much of the game, the baseball team gave up three runs and suffered a 3-2 loss to Highland.

"We were looking past that game," Brett Keeler, junior, said. "We didn't take it seriously and it cost us in the end."

Favored to win, the boys didn't see Highland as a main rival, according to Mike Sudbury, senior.

"None of us even thought of Highland as a game that we needed to worry about," Miller said. "We practiced, just not hard enough to get us where we wanted to be. We were not in the right state of mind."

Regrets hung around in the players' heads, stubbornly refusing to leave, despite efforts.

"I wish I would've kept the team up the whole game," Keeler said. "We figured we already won so we were already kind of celebrating. Our minds were already on the next day's game."

Slowly dragging their feet walking out on the field, the team tried to console each other with back pats.

"We didn't put up enough fight in the final moments of some of our high school baseball careers," Sudbury said. "It was just a bad end to the great season we had."



Boys' Freshman Baseball Team (front row) Matt Poulos, Kevin Heinrich, Mike Jergo, Craig Dohman, Taylor Kimes, Matt Farrell (second row) Mike Brozovic, Simon Webb, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, CW Childs, Mike Erwin (back row) Ryan Wilkinson, Joel Brumm, Larry Allen, Jay Gill, Josh Lukoshus, Kevin Watterson

## JV Baseball 15-2

Bishop Noll 5-1  
Hobart 6-2  
Griffith 10-6  
Andrean 9-8  
Lowell 3-1  
Highland 2-3  
Griffith 10-0  
Valparaiso 10-9  
Kankakee Valley 12-0  
Lowell 12-2  
Highland 6-0  
Bishop Noll 14-2  
Hobart 8-1  
Boone Grove 8-10  
Lake Central 10-5  
Griffith 2-5

## Freshman Baseball 15-5

Lake Central 1-2  
Chesterton 18-8  
Crown Point 4-0  
Crown Point 12-7  
Andrean 5-7  
Portage 9-6  
Portage 12-1  
Griffith 10-0  
East Chicago 9-3  
Boone Grove 3-5  
Boone Grove 24-2  
Kankakee Valley 11-1  
Andrean 5-0  
Merrillville 11-1  
Chesterton 11-1  
Calumet 28-1  
Lowell 11-1  
Lowell 9-3  
Lake Central 5-8  
Warsaw 6-5

young players add

# Driving Force

## to Conference title

**Boys maintain season goals even though rainy weather limits practice schedule**



"We all played extremely well at the Andean meet.

Any time the team shot in the 150s was great.

Pero Ogrizovich, junior

### Varsity Golf

#### 8-2

Andean 152-173

Valparaiso 180-177

Kankakee Valley 185-189

Crown Point 183-191

Boone Grove 183-176

Portage 152-187

Bishop Noll 155-187

Hobart 158-183

Rensselaer Invite 8th place

Highland 169-184

Griffith 157-161

### Post-season/Honors

**Sectionals**

3rd place

**Regionals**

8th place/347

### All Conference

**First Team**

Rohan Bhagwat

Pero Ogrizovich

### Second Team

Ryan Slosser

Andrew Kaminski

After drenching rains in April, Wicker Park looked like Lake Michigan. With the course underwater, the team didn't practice as much as they wanted to, according to Rohan Bhagwat, senior.

"Many teams got a head start on us and the extra practice could have helped," Bhagwat said.

During the two-week span when the course was closed, players practiced at other local courses, according to Ryan Slosser, senior.

"A group of us went out to other courses like Scherwood or Briar Ridge, just to keep our swing in groove," Slosser said.

Without practice, determining the top five players became challenging, according to Head Coach Brian Clark.

"It wasn't frustrating," Coach Clark said. "We just had to be patient until things came together and we had a solid five."

When floodwaters receded and the course became suitable for play, the season swung into action, according to Coach Clark.

"We got going at a 100 miles per hour," Coach Clark said. "We had our regular matches and then threw in all the make-ups."

### Sweet defeat

Plopping down on the leather bus seat, Andrew Kaminski, junior, breathed a sigh of relief while teammates began joking around and laughing.

After winning the Andean meet 152-168, the shift in the team's attitude became apparent as the minibus made its way home.

Defeating Andean marked the beginning of a turn in the team's morale, according to Pero Ogrizovich, junior.

Beyond Andean's course, the team continued to win. They beat Bishop Noll and Hobart while consistently shooting in the 150s.

According to Kaminski, the team's overall confidence level factored into their low shooting.

"We made sure everyone was on the same mental page and believed that we would have a good season," Kaminski said.

### Conference three-peat

After handing in his scorecard, Bhagwat gathered his team and waited while Coach Clark calculated the team's score.

The team's hopes of winning Conference rested on the Lowell match. They were relieved when they won by one stroke.

"We got lucky," Coach Clark said.

The success, however, did not seal the team's rank. They still had to play Griffith.

According to Slosser, the team felt secure against Griffith because they played them earlier.

Confidence and playing at home helped the boys win and secure the desired conference title.

"It was the third straight year that we won Conference," Bhagwat said. "We reached our goal and kept our streak alive."

### Chip In

After pitching out of the fringe, Jutigarn Yinyown, senior, follows through and watches his shot. "I never had a big problem with chipping," Yinyown said. "I had more trouble being consistent with my long irons." Patience helped him focus during matches, Yinyown said.



**Boys' Golf Team** (front row) Robert Marini, Mike Hlebasko, Max Peck, Pero Ogrizovich, Ryan Watrobka, Daniel Johnson, Daniel Paulson (back row) Rohan Bhagwat, Andrew Kaminski, Matt Kuehn, Brad Levan, Tommy Bassetto, Jutigarn Yinyown, Ryan Slosser, Coach Brian Clark





### Drive It Home

In his backswing, Rohan Bhagwat, senior, follows his tee shot. "Driving was always one of my strengths," Bhagwat said. "Whenever I needed to hit a fairway, I could count on myself to do that because it was what I practiced the most."

### Take a Quick break

Whether it was having the right drink or a certain brand of golf ball, players had their own ways to get through a match. In between golf swings, Andrew Kaminski refuels with a drink of Gatorade and places it in his bag. "It was good to have Gatorade, especially when it got really warm out," Kaminski said. Digging through his golf bag, Jutigarn Yinyoon, senior, grabs some golf balls and tees before teeing off. Among fellow teammates, Mike Hlebas-



### Measure Up

Eying the 15th hole, Pero Ogriovich, junior, mentally measures the distance to the flag post. "After awhile, you could tell how far you were and what type of putt you needed," Ogriovich said.

### Split Decision

At Wicker Park, Coach Clark divides the golf team into groups of fours and gives them scorecards to practice. "Sometimes, I put varsity members together and other times I would mix up talent level," Coach Clark said.

team follows

# Captain's Lead

## to upset Lake Central

**Short-lived celebration ends with Lowell upset at Sectionals**

### Varsity Softball

24-7

Bishop Noll	6-0
Hanover Central	2-1
Hobart	3-1
Griffith	11-1
Andrean	1-2
Homewood Flossmoor	4-0
Lowell	3-2
Lake Central	2-1
Highland	3-2
South Bend Riley	3-1
Carmel	2-0
West Lafayette	11-0
McGutcheon	1-0
Bishop Noll	7-0
Hobart	8-1
Griffith	2-0
Andrean	1-2
Cass	2-0
Benton Central	7-1
Harrison	2-1
Lowell	4-5
Kankakee Valley	5-1
Harrison	1-2
Lafayette Jefferson	10-1
Highland	3-0
Chesterton	1-0
Portage	0-3

### Post-season/Honors Sectionals

Lake Central	3-1
Lowell	1-10

### First Team All State

Hallie Gibbs

### Times Player of the Year

Hallie Gibbs

### Times All-Area First Team

Hallie Gibbs 3B  
Megan Paradzinski OF

As she pounded past first, second, and third base, Kelly Mashura, junior, slid legs first into home base with hardly a scratch, scoring the Varsity Girls' Softball Team another two points, leading them to victory.

Her first home run of the season provided a good reason for celebrating. Although Mashura almost hit one before, it didn't compare to the achievement after the Bishop Noll game.

With the stamina held high and spirit leading the pack, mental preparation allowed girls to concentrate, according to Laura Hennig, junior.

The Hobart game went really well," Hennig said. "It wasn't because we did really well, but because we were mentally focused completely."

The big rivalry with Lake Central led the girls to prepare and get their game faces on, according to captain Hallie Gibbs, senior.

"They were our biggest competition," Gibbs said. "They played up to our potential but we ended up beating them 2-1."

Although they roughed it up to achieve victory, the girls suffered next to nothing with a 24-7 record.

### Sectional victory punctured by loss

With the sun out and temperatures nearing 75 degrees, the lush green field awaited Munster and Lake Central's softball players.

After practicing nearly everyday in the batting cages and mentally preparing themselves, the girls were ready to compete at Sectionals, according to Katelyn Chovanec, junior.

"We knew what we would face," Chovanec said. "The biggest part was being mentally focused so that we knew what happens happens."

Even though the game played steady at first, the fourth inning turned the whole outing around when Laura Hennig, junior, hit a double, sending Ashley Moore, junior, straight to home plate. With a 3-1 victory in hand, the Lowell game proved a different fate. Even though Munster lost, the girls did not lose to an unworthy opponent, according to Chovanec.

"Their team was hitting constantly," Chovanec said. "They were one of the best hitting teams we played. We played the best we could've, but they hit every single pitch."

Although they endured an upsetting loss, the season left the girls in high spirits as they grew close, according to Chovanec.

"There wasn't any drama at all," Chovanec said. "There weren't even any problems. Everyone managed to get along really well. I guess it just wasn't our year."

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### Batter Up

Legs arranged in a batter's stance, Ashley Moore, junior, awaits the pitch. "I didn't think about the situation I was in while on plate," Moore said, "I just stayed focused."

### Here Comes the Pitch

After winding up, Grace Ispas, freshman, waits for the hit. "Softball was a great opportunity for me," Ispas said. "When I pitched, I took it one batter at a time." The accomplishment of being a freshman on varsity provided a great experience, according to Ispas.







### Take the Lead

About to steal the plate, Hallie Gibbs, senior, leads off of the base. Gibbs, a .415 hitter with 15 runs scored and 17 RBIs, held Munster records for batting average, doubles, home runs, RBIs and defensive assists.

### wind It up

To make the catch, Katelyn Chovanec, junior, awaits the ball in her shades. "It was hard to see in the outfield," Chovanec said. While passing the ball, Jessica Clusserath, senior, practices during the game. "I just tried to stay focused," Clusserath said. Sliding to her knees, Laura Hennig, junior, tags out the Highland opponent. "You had to have quick reactions," Hennig said.



Girls' Varsity Softball (front row) Laura Hennig, Amanda Shulte, Lizzie Monell, Jessica Clusserath, Amanda Hoffman, Jamie Lissy, Kelly Mashura (second row) Coach Mike Coll, Grace Ispas, Coach Beth Vesa, Megan Paradizski, Coach Ron Moore, Lauren Parker (back row) Phebe Corner, Eleanor Kennedy, Erin Moss, Alyssa Salata, Ashley Moore, Katelyn Chovanec, Hallie Gibbs

### Fast Pitch

With the ball zooming toward the batter, Eleanor Kennedy, junior, throws a strike. "I had 10 years of experience," Kennedy said. "I liked the feeling when I struck someone out."

team follows

# Captain's Lead

to upset Lake Central

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## JV Softball

8-2

Lake Central 2-6  
Bishop Noll 8-2  
Hobart 11-5  
Crown Point 20-8  
Wheeler 19-8  
Lowell 7-8  
Highland 16-4  
Hanover Central 10-0  
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Highland 3-2  
Valparaiso 6-1  
Chesterton 3-2  
Portage 4-6

## Freshman Softball

8-2

Griffith 13-14  
Merrillville 4-3  
Merrillville 14-2  
Marian 7-1  
Marian 5-11  
Bishop Noll 6-5  
North Newton 16-4  
Lake Station 13-0

As the Lake Central pitcher raised her arm in preparation for the throw, Amanda Hoffman, junior, gripped the bat tightly with the sounds of her teammates cheering from the sidelines ringing in her ears.

The girls were required to stand and cheer for their teammates at games to show their support, according to Katelyn Chovanec, junior. Coach Beth Vesa, math teacher, thought that if the players on the field could hear their friends supporting them, they would play better, according to Chovanec.

"The whole purpose of us cheering each other on was so that we could be there for everyone and let them know it," Chovanec said. "That's why we had to stand and cheer."

A demonstration of that sisterhood feeling shown through at the tournament against South Bend Riley, McLutcheon and Carmel in Indianapolis.

"The team came together well at the tournament," Gibbs said. "Everyone played hard and we had a really strong defense. That led to our win."

But first place wins didn't come solely from excellent players; the girls' success was also due to the team's chemistry and ability to understand one another, according to Hoffman.

"There wasn't any drama during the season and that was a first for the team," Hoffman said. "We all got along really well and pulled together to win games without any fights or prejudices. It was the first time in forever that happened."

## Fresh faces swing into varsity

As Grace Ispas, freshman, stepped up to the plate during one of the season's first practices, she felt slightly intimidated. Her new teammates were almost all juniors and seniors who had been together for years, and she was the only freshman.

"At first I was really nervous," Ispas said. "Everyone was so much older and had been together for a while so they all knew each other and had played together before."

Underclassmen such as Ispas made up a small portion of the team, but Erin Moss, Phoebe Conner and Jamie Lissy, sophomores, played just as hard as their older mentors.

According to Moss, playing with more experienced players helped her improve her game.

"The upperclassmen really worked us during practice," Moss said. "They had several years on us and knew what they were doing. They also had the advantage of having played together in previous years but they were all really good teachers."

Help from the upperclassmen was a large factor in the teaching and progression of the younger players, according to Coach Mike Coil, science teacher.

According to Mr. Coil, Ispas improved greatly over the season and came as a real benefit to the team.

"We picked varsity players based on skill," Coach Coil said. "If the freshmen were good enough, we chose them."

## Eye on the Ball

With eyes on the pitcher, Laura Hennig, freshman, makes her move. "I thought about the situation before I ran," Hennig said. "I thought about how many outs there were and if there was a runner in front of me."





## Lead off

Taking a lead during the Highland game, Laura Hennig, junior, waits for the ball to be pitched to her teammate. "If you ran at ex-

actly the right time, you could steal a base," Hennig said. "But if your teammate struck out, you had to get back on base quickly."

**Girls' Junior Varsity Softball** (front row) Grace Ipsas, Taylor Hodges, Jamie Lizzy, Erica Case, Kara Curosh, Robyn Henning (second row) Rachael Trevino, Jessica Seligman, Coach Mike Coil, Emily Becher, Kelli Sparlock (third row) Laura Kinser, Jessica Koettentz, Phoebe Conner, Jamie Swing



**Girls' Freshman Softball** (front row) Kylie Morris, Haley Barfoot, Courtney Zotos, Emily Saucedo, Jillian Magsaysay, Samantha Eanes (second row) Sara Ambrey, Kaley Goldsmith, Coach Ron Moore, Margaret Heneghen, Kristen Harker



## Watch and Learn

Eyes glued to the game, Phoebe Conner and Erin Moss, sophomores, and Ashley Moore, junior, sit in the dugout. "We learned a lot by sitting on the bench," Moss said. "It didn't seem like it but you could learn a ton about softball by just watching the game."



## swing into Action

After hearing the crack of the ball on her bat, Hallie Gibbs, senior, runs towards first base as the softball soars through the air. "The key to hitting the ball well is keeping your eye on it," Gibbs said. "You don't want to swing too early or late because then you might not make it to the base before the ball beats you there."

# girls Serve Victory to State

**Hopes  
of a State title  
drives girls  
to season  
success**



At Warsaw I had a really intense match in finals. I ended up barely winning. Maureen Modesto, senior

## Girls' Tennis 18-1

Crown Point 5-0  
Lowell 5-0  
Warsaw Invite 2nd place  
Lake Central 5-0  
Kankakee Valley 5-0  
Highland 5-0  
Carmel Invite 1st place  
Wheeler 5-0  
Center Grove 4-0  
Andean 5-0  
Gavit High School 5-0  
South Bend St. Joe 5-0  
Penn 5-0  
Valparaiso 5-0  
Plymouth 5-0

## Post-season/Honors

**Sectionals**  
Gavit 5-0  
Lake Central 5-0

**Regionals**  
Highland 5-0  
Crown Point 5-0

**Semi-State**  
Michigan City 5-0  
Culver 5-0

**State**  
Park Tudor 4-1

**All-State**  
Maureen Modesto  
Mary Hill

**Post Tribune  
Player of the Year**  
Maureen Modesto

As the sun beat down on the forest green-colored courts, Cristina Lee, freshman, stood in position facing her opponent during her tie-breaking match at the Carmel Invitational.

"My team sat behind the fence and cheered me on," Cristina said. "It helped me win to know that they were there for me."

The team often talked about how they could make history by stealing first place at the Carmel Invitational.

For captain Maureen Modesto, senior, singles finals at the invite provided a memorable moment in the season.

Modesto had lost the first set and fell behind during the second set. Because the match was near its close, team members thought Modesto's defeat eminent; but at the last moment, she came back with renewed vigor and played amazingly, according to Mary Hill, sophomore.

"I realized if I didn't win we had no chance of winning the invitational," Modesto said. "That gave me incentive to fight back and come back. In the end it ended up paying off."

## Valparaiso victory switch

In a strategic midseason switch, Modesto walked out on the court ready for her first high school doubles match with No. 2 singles player Mary Hill as her partner.

"We knew Valpo put their top two singles players in doubles," Modesto said. "We put Mary and me in doubles to put them in their place."

Modesto and Hill won doubles, resulting in an overall team win.

"I was really excited about the competition," Modesto said. "We wanted to lose the least amount of games possible because we didn't want them to think they could compete with us."

With single players filling in as doubles, the No. 1 team of Katelyn Laszlo, senior, and Sam Tantillo, junior, switched to the No. 1 and 2 single spots, respectively, to complete the lineup.

"I hadn't played singles since sophomore year,"

Laszlo said. "I was nervous; but as the match progressed, I got over my nerves."

Laszlo and Tantillo won every match.

"It was nice that the girls that usually played doubles won," Modesto said. "It helped that we could rely on the two points they gave us."

## Getting the Low Down

In order to make a low shot, Emily Kitchell, junior, dives for the ball. Kitchell played singles on the team. "I liked singles because I was so used to playing it," Kitchell said. "I had been playing tennis since I was 6 or 7 and it was my favorite sport."







## First Come, First Serve

Arm outstretched, Maureen Modesto, senior, hits the ball during warm-ups. Modesto, who went 27-1 for the year and 100-7 for a career record, always paid close attention to opponents before the match. "One of the first things I looked for was if they were right handed or left handed, because their serve depended on what their dominate hand was," Modesto said.



## it's their Racket

Inches off the ground, Mary Hill, sophomore, strikes the ball to her opponent using a backhand swing. "It was the will of wanting it," Hill said. With the sun in her eyes, Katelyn Laszlo, senior, hits a backhand. "I was trying to be defensive," Laszlo said. Returning the ball with a backhand swing, Sam Tantillo, junior, watches out for her partner, Katelyn Laszlo, senior. "We were used to each other," Sam said. "She brought me back up when I was down and vice versa. We understood each other."



## Shake On It

After bearing her Gavitt opponents, Vanessa Sepiol and Rachel Heinieger, freshmen, congratulate their opponents. It was customary to shake hands after each match. According to Sepiol, Gavitt lacked a strong team. "We won 6-0, 6-0," Sepiol said.

Girls' Tennis (front row) Emily Kitchell, Surbhi Agarwal, Rachel Heiniger, Christina Lee, Maureen Modesto, Katelyn Laszlo, Mary Hill, Sam Tantillo, Vanessa Sepiol (second row) Kavita Dedania, Neelam Vachhani, Niyati Shah, Rachel Hannigan, Marta Perala, Jessica Buestek, Jessica Gonsalves, Alex Kouklakis, Camille Gonzalez, Kristie Miller (back row) Shivani Patel, Madison Gallegos, Kristina Kovachich, Allie Hurwich, Coach Bob Modesto, Coach Bill Karr, Coach Steve Lopez, Jenny Rooth, Kelsey Warda, Lindsey Kitchell, Tricia Schmuesser

## ready, Set, Run

About to launch off in a sprint, Joey Matz, freshman, prepares himself for the race. "I still tried as hard as I could even though I wasn't on varsity," Matz said. Voted Most Valuable Distance Runner, Blake Williams, junior, runs first in the 4x4 relay. "At Regionals I tried to keep an eye on the third place runner because the top three moved on to State," Williams said. Just off the starting blocks, Rich Meyers, senior, leans ahead of his opponents in the 100-meter race. "My start off from the blocks was key," Meyers said. "I had to push hard to pull ahead of everyone else."



### Ahead of the Pack

To pull ahead of Hobart in the mile race, Jovan Andjelich, junior, pushes himself to stay in the group. "Coach Kazny put us in a lot of different events to condition for the post-season events and to see what we excelled in the most," Andjelich said. Andjelich placed highest in the mile race because he had the best times with more distance.

### One Jump Ahead

At the Sectional competition at Highland, Joe Abu-Aita, junior, competes in the 110-meter high hurdles. "We had a new coach who taught us a new form," Abu-Aita said. "Once you learned your speed, you needed to perfect your form, which was the hardest part." The team voted Abu-Aita Most Valuable Sprinter and Hurdler.

### Eyes on the Prize

After pushing off of the starting blocks, Lazarick Whitlock, junior, sprints his way to the finish line. "When I was at the blocks I was thinking I needed to get focused and sometimes sang a song, but while I was running I just zoned out and didn't think about anything," Whitlock said. "I just tried to always run as fast as I could and never give up." Whitlock competed in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4x4 relay.



# boys Stay Focused during season

As the members of the Boys' Track Team 4X4-relay sped across the finish line, the loudest screams and cheers of the season filled the air at the knowledge of success.

The team ended the season in fourth place at the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) meet. The boys earned 122 points, still pulling them ahead of Andrean's 78 points.

"Even though we didn't win at Conference, I still thought everyone, especially the seniors, did well and stepped up for the team," Lazarick Whitlock, junior, said.

Voted Most Valuable Player of LAC schools, captain Cameron Selen, senior, led the team in hurdles with a 8.07 time and in the 6-lap relay. Also, captain Phil Chiang, senior, earned the Ed "Woody" Woodrick plaque dedicated to the deceased Elliot Elementary School teacher with his shot put distance.

"Our boys just went out there to win," Coach Brown said. "They never gave up, and I was really proud of each and every one of them. I couldn't have asked for anything more."

## Wishful thinking

Concentrating on the tune of "Fergalicious" by Fergie, Sam Kasmark, junior, stopped himself from singing out loud or busting a move in the middle of the track. When he looked around, he realized he still had one lap left.

"I sang songs in my head while I was running to keep pace and tempo," Kasmark said. "The tune and lyrics kept me from getting bored and helped me to run faster."

Every runner had a different tactic on the track, according to Coach Brown. He tried to encourage everyone to find any method necessary to stay focused.

## Leap to Success

With the proper technique in mind, Jim Hunt, junior, competes in the long jump competition. "I mainly concentrated on my angle of takeoff, making sure my steps were right, and maintaining good placement on the board," Hunt said. The only boy on the team to qualify for the State competition, Hunt received the All-Conference Award.

A song kept pace for Kasmark, but Brendan Georgas, senior, gave himself a pep talk to never quit. He focused on the track and his footsteps.

"While I was running, I tried to block out all the pain I was feeling," Georgas said. "I tried to realize how close the other guys around me were so that I could judge how I needed to finish. I mainly focused on my personal placement on the track."



Boys' Varsity Track (front row) Matt Stewart, Fred Claoschikan, Joe Abu-Aita, Richard Meyers, Tommy Mambour, James Han, Brendan Georgas, Matt Jones (second row) Coach Brian Vance, Jason Pastana, Ian Svoboda, Thomas Burgwald, Tim Yee, Alex Martell, Greg Kobus, Joey Matz, Matt Gehrig, Dan Crisman (third row) Coach Aaron Brown, Leroy Velasquez, Eric Neiner, Nick Markovich, Chris Cheng, Alec Schmagronoff, Jonathan Eloisa, Grant Williams, Patrick Fagan, Kyle O'Brien (fourth row) Jim Hunt, Jeff Justus, Kenny Hamilton, Sam Kasmark, James Burgwald, Blake Williams, Nathan Szary, Kody Thompson, Kyle O'Brien (back row) Greg Fehla, Matt Shacklett, Marc Campos, Dan Kretz, Tim Qualls, Phil Chiang, Ben Taylor, Austin Bubash, Jereme Magassyay, Iovan Andjelich

## Season ups and downs lead team to 4th at Conference



In the 4x8 relay, we were confident we would make it to Regionals because we all dropped times by a lot  
Sam Kasmark, junior

## Varsity Track 5-3

### LAC In-Door 1st place

Lake Central Invite  
1st place  
Highland/ Hobart  
81-58-25  
Clark/ Kankakee Valley/  
Lowell 2nd place  
Gary Roosevelt 108-23  
Mustang Invite 2nd of 6  
Calumet Invite  
1st place  
LAC Meet 4th place

## Post-season/Honors Sectionals 2nd of 11

Regionals  
18th of 32

Sectional Champs  
Joe Abu-Aita  
Blake Williams

State Qualifier  
Jim Hunt-Long Jump

All-Conference  
Joe Abu-Aita  
Phil Chiang  
Jim Hunt  
Blake Williams



## Baby Got Back

Back arched over the high jump bar, Sarah Rubino, junior flies into mid air. "High jump was different from running," Rubino said. "It was more technique, and that's why I liked it." Rubino's 4x400 relay team qualified for State.

## On The Run

Putting her best foot forward, Lyndsey Kunz, freshman, paces to finish her one mile race. Kunz broke the school record by two seconds to run the mile in 5:25. "I made a goal at the beginning of the year," Kunz said.



Girls' Varsity Track Team (front row) Christina Pasyk, Sarah Sikora, Jessica Kitchell, Joanna Martinson, Bridgit Marriott, Sarah Rubino, Stephanie Dohman, Chelsy Kimes, Ashley Burton, Jennifer Novosel, Annie Martinakos (second row) Kristina Carlson, Rizzzie Fisher, Brianne Rubesha, Kristen Pagano, Kristen Brajak, Sophie Griggs, Lyndsey Kunz, Ines Tzolov, Deidre Capriglione, Jessica Cuadra (third row) Allison Medina, Erin Holt, Amy Fuhs, Kristina Keith, Andrea Damore, Ruth Christopher, Kayla Bachert, Elaine Williams, Colleen Boyle, Danica Rodriguez, Katherine Andreatos (fourth row) Miss Sarah Szarmach, Molly Poczoniek, Kim Long, Megan Hruska, Devin Gosberry, Stephanie Gajewski, Morgan Bell, Michele Monagan, Whitney Freeman, Reahna Christopher (fifth row) Erin Wysocki, Mary Drach, Sam Torres, Annie Scuman, Bernadette Bowen, Jordan Newman, Nicole Rodriguez, Mrs. Michelle Duffy (back row) Karen Larsen, Ona Cbagi, Sara Larsen



## On Your Mark

Arms placed, Stephanie Dohman, senior, waits for the starter's gun. Ready for the race to start, Kristen Brajak and Lyndsey Kunz, freshmen, and Kristen Pagano and Sophie Griggs, juniors, wait for the 4x800 relay to begin.





setting the bar on

# High Flying year

As the announcer called out her name, Whitney Freeman, freshman, stood in shock as Coach Dirk Sloan handed Freeman her MVP award for running. Although the freshman arrived with little experience in the high school atmosphere, Stephanie Dohman, senior, believed the girls held their own.

"The freshmen were hard workers and they had natural and physical talent which made them assets to our team," Dohman said. "They filled gaps to make our team more well rounded, and they added a lot of points when we went to invitationals."

When Lyndsey Kunz, freshman, passed the finish line breaking the record of the mile by two seconds to run in 5:25, she proved to be an asset to the team.

"I couldn't believe I did it," Kunz said. "I was happy and satisfied with myself. Working hard at practices paid off; I couldn't believe I accomplished my goal."

## Weather takes its toll

With a quick burst of lightning and as rain started to pour, Ona Gbagi, senior, looked at the windows knowing that their meet at Highland would be cancelled.

"The weather was horrible and it prevented us from doing the best we could at the meets," Gbagi said.

Out of the 12 meets, Chelsy Kimes, senior, believed that only two meets had warm weather to compete in. The weather found ways to distract the team members from performing to their fullest, according to Kimes.

"Every meet but two we had were freezing cold rain," Kimes said. "Because of the weather, we didn't get our best times, jumps and throws. Everyone focused on how cold it was and how they wished it was warmer instead. It was harder to compete when you were not comfortable. The hotter it was the faster you could go, but the colder it was you were more intense."

Although the weather rained on their parade, the coaches found the Wilbur Wright Middle School weight room to be an alternative to practice.

"The cardio equipment was a huge benefit because the girls could do cardio and lift," Assistant Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, said.

## Up and Away

About to throw the shot put a far distance, Ona Gbagi, senior competes at the Highland Conference. Gbagi's personal best was 37'1" at Regionals. "I mentally prepared myself knowing I had to make top four to get to Regionals," Gbagi said. She went on to qualify for State.

## Jump the Track

Arms strained with determination, Whitney Freeman, freshman, jumps over the hurdles at the Munster Invitational. Freeman qualified for State in three events. "This was my first year doing hurdles," Freeman said.



## Girls set new record as 10 athletes qualify for State

### Girls' Track 8-2

#### LAC In-Door 1st

Highland/Hobart 1st  
Clark/KV/Lowell 1st  
JV/ Hammond Relays 3rd  
Penn Invite 4th  
Highland Invite 1st  
Mustang Invite 1st  
Calumet Invite 1st  
Lafayette Harrison 1st  
LAC Invite 1st

#### Post-season/Honors

##### Sectionals 2nd Regionals 2nd State Qualifiers

Sophie Griggs  
Lyndsey Kunz  
Lainey Williams  
Colleen Boyle  
Whitney Freeman  
Devin Gosberry  
Ruth Christopher  
Sarah Rubino  
Chelsy Kimes  
Ona Gbagi

#### State

Chelsy Kimes  
Long Jump: 4th

Whitney Freeman  
300 Hurdles: 7th

Ruth Christopher  
Devin Gosberry  
Sarah Rubino  
Whitney Freeman  
4x400 Relay: 5th

## From Start To Finish

As the starter shoots his gun, Chelsy Kimes, senior races to the finish line at the Highland Conference. "I liked track because it was really competitive and it was fun to see people compete," Kimes finished 4th at State in the long jump.

## jump ball

Stretching for the rebound, juniors Mitch Bruhn and Ron Hileman play a pickup game at Somerset park. "Basketball was a great way to hang out with my friends and I got some exercise too," Bruhn said.



## blue 42

At Beech Park, Jason Han, sophomore, snaps the ball to Ben Taylor, sophomore, after school. When the weather warmed students organized pick up games in parks around the community. "It was better just playing for fun," Taylor said. "You didn't have to practice or anything."



## OUT Tricked

### Manual:

What people commonly call a wheelie. This is travelling along of your board balancing on the two rear wheels.

### Ollie:

An air without using your hands. The basis for most skateboarding tricks and the one that should be learnt first.

### Shoveit:

Turning the board without turning your body so as the board spins round under your feet.

### Fakie:

Travelling backwards

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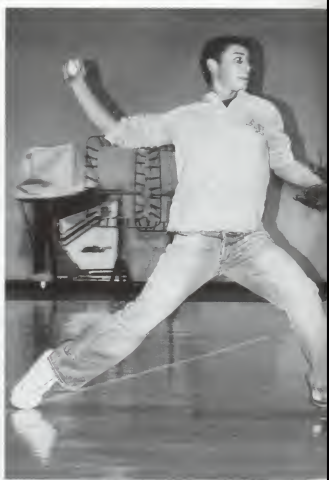


## fly ball

Legs stretched, Brian Ritz, junior, sprints across the basketball court at Ridge United Methodist church during open gym. "I went to the church to practice for biddy ball," Ritz said. Ritz enjoyed the fun, relaxed atmosphere at church, even though he didn't attend the Sunday services.

## let it rip

In the middle of his wind-up, Ray Lopez, sophomore, practices his pitching. "Sometimes I liked to play baseball for fun," Lopez said. "It was nice to have a break from competition." Students often felt that a relaxed atmosphere helped relieve daily pressures.



# Snap out of ROUTINE

When school athletics created an atmosphere of pressure and competition, students opted to pursue outside activities for exercise and relief

Just as school athletes spent endless hours practicing, Adam Belkarious, junior, spent his time in a less regimented manner. Teams outside of school, as well as pickup games with friends, provided great entertainment without all the rules.

During his free time, Belkarious played in organized team sports such as water polo, Biddyball, and indoor soccer. Though the teams were organized, the coaches, rare practices and attendance was laid back, according to Belkarious.

"The coaches didn't really try to control us," Belkarious said. "I just went with the flow and took things as they came. I hated having things mapped out for me."

Along with the unrestricted play, the teams also played with relaxed moods, according to Belkarious.

"The kids and coaches never put pressure on us to win," Belkarious said. "They were just kids playing for the love of the game. We were competitive but nobody was that serious."

Belkarious preferred just playing with his friends, because he never thought he was good enough.

"I just always wanted to have fun with my friends," Belkarious said. "I didn't want to be in anything too heated."

Ben Gouwens, senior, had the same view about the sports he played. People shouldn't have played a sport if they weren't enjoying what they were doing, according to Gouwens.

"Playing sports was a great way to hang out with friends and a good way to get exercise as well," Gouwens said.

Gouwens played a variety of sports including basketball, football, bowling, and he golfed occasionally.

"We got our friends together and started pickup games at the park," Ben said. "Those were the most fun."

As athletes played and practiced through rigorous school seasons, other students took a less serious approach to their sports. Pickup games and teams unaffiliated with the school served as a fun way to play the sports they loved without the hassles of intense practices and extreme coaches. *continued on pg. 145*



## heads up

While playing water polo, Adam Belkarious, junior, catches a pass from a teammate. "Polo was cool because it combined a bunch of sports and required a lot of different skills," Belkarious said. The team played for four weeks at the middle school pool.



## kick push

After dribbling up the field, Terry Grunewald, sophomore, tries to get past the defender. "Indoor soccer was a lot faster than outdoor," Grunewald said. "It had less people and required more ball control."

## hot shot

As the goalie, Phil Bernardi, junior, stops the shooter from scoring. "I try and improve as much as possible in practice so that I am ready for the games," Bernardi said.

### work it out

In the middle of her arm press workout, Kathryn Helfen, junior, finishes her final reps. "Working out helped relax me from a long day at school," Helfen said. "It was great to get to go home and relieve all of that stress."

### along for the ride

After riding her horse, Heafitz, Kristy Anderson, junior, adjusts the bridle. "I started riding at 12," Anderson said. "The first time I competed I got first place out of 10 riders." Anderson later competed for the Indiana University Equestrian Team.



## Weigh your options

With an obesity epidemic in the U.S. on the rise, students look at various gyms to find an affordable place to workout

	Activation Fee	Monthly Fee
World Gym	100	31
Omni 41	100	48
Fitness Pointe	149	53
Cardinal Fitness	99	20
Gator's Gym	50	33

### eye on the prize

During a mixed martial arts lesson, Chuy Avina, junior,

practices kick exercises. "It calmed me down and helped me concentrate," Avina said.





# Snap Out of ROUTINE

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Students like Golnoosh Kamali, senior, chose not to participate on a school team. Instead, they strived to stay in shape through individual recreational activities.

Stepping onto the karate mat, Golnoosh felt a nervous rush everytime she looked at an opponent. Before each fight, she bowed and prepared for oncoming hits.

"I started karate when I was in first grade," Kamali said. "It wasn't offered in school, but it was what I wanted to do."

Through karate's teachings of strength and self reliance, Kamali applied karate skills throughout her everyday life.

"One of karate's main aspects was self discipline," Kamali said. "It helped me with my school work to stay on task."

Although many sports brought a break from in-school life, some students simply fell in love with the sport itself.

Kristy Anderson, senior, stroked her horse's nose before saying good-bye. For the last six years, Kristy never stopped looking forward to her horseback riding lessons.

For Anderson, riding freed her from school competition.

"It was nice to break away every week," Anderson said.

Despite the lack of an official team, horseback riding still promoted team aspects, according to Anderson.

"Dealing with horse partnership involved working with the horse which wasn't always easy because you were being judged depended on how both you and the horse performed."

After getting ready to go head back home, Anderson said goodbye to her horse, Heafitz, and realized how close she had become with her during the last three years.

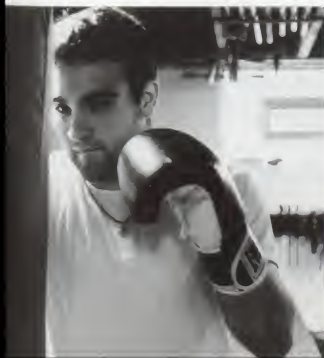
"I never participated in sports throughout school," Anderson said. "But it never really mattered to me because horseback riding was my passion and what I loved to do best."

## override

To maintain his balance, Eddie DeCero, freshman, rides over a rail at the skate park. "I didn't like having a coach tell me what to do," DeCero said. "I could do whatever I wanted to do at the skate park."

## punch out

Concentrated on his warm up exercise, Mike Schramm, senior, prepares to punch. "I boxed because it was good discipline for later in life," he said. Schramm practiced three to four times a week.



## on tip toes

At a dance class, Kaitlin Ritchie, senior, performs the Petite Allegro, a jump exercise. "Dancing outside of school gave me a different environment," Ritchie said. "It was a break from routine."

## fly by

After school, Steve Johnson, senior, plays Frisbee golf in the park. "I liked Frisbee golf because it was fun and free," Johnson said. "I was normally there playing every day."

**WHITE OUT** Sitting in the first row of the Super Fan section, Berlyn Boswell, senior, watches the Boys' Basketball game against Valparaiso. "It was the biggest game of the year," Berlyn said. "Everyone dressed in white clothing for spirit."



■ ■ At the Homecoming Pep Rally, Pete Brousalis, senior, helps Emily Eagan, senior, wipe blueberry filling from her face. Emily competed in the Homecoming Pie Eating Contest. "It was a fun experience," Emily said, "but really messy." ■ ■ At the Kankakee Valley football game, seniors from the Dance Team stand on the field with their parents. The seniors received balloons and gifts from the rest of the team. "Senior night was a time for the rest of the team to appreciate the seniors," Olivia Gershtman, senior, said. ■ ■ To build a gingerbread house, Russell Gonzalez, junior, carves into a graham cracker at the German Club meeting. "I was trying to make a gingerbread mansion," Russell said.



# A likely source

of gossip, drama and teen angst, the school provided a center for hormonal teens to rant to their companions. But the second the bell rang at 2:45 p.m., students sped off to Schoops or FroYo to explain their soap opera-like existence to all their friends. Teenagers only cared about their own self-centered lives.

**Think about it, though. It was easy to get lost in the crowd here. With 1,582 bodies roaming**

**the halls, students struggled to find their place. But they had many options. Over 80 percent of the student body participated in sports and clubs, proving that kids wanted to stay past the bell.**

Oh come on. Everybody knows that students just want to put that on a college application or get in the yearbook. Just because the Athletic Office had 1,268 student pledges on file didn't make the students active.

**Then how do you explain Project X's sweeping reforms? Participants had to log at least four hours of community service a week just to stay in the club. Competition drove the clubs to achieve success too. DECA qualified 58 students for State finals and the Student Government Food Drive collected over 3,000 canned goods for Calumet Region food relief. You couldn't find a couch potato in this building!**

Whether it be 368 seniors or 29 active clubs, Munster proved a likely source of names and numbers.

## likeable reads

As the oldest class, seniors break the mold by volunteering and helping around the community **page 148**

Juniors find responsibilities come with getting older, struggle to meet curfews and follow parent's rules **page 172**

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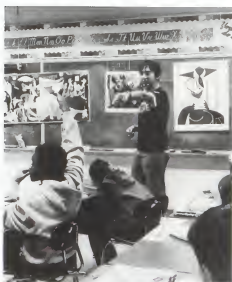
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**foster friendly** Taking care of abandoned puppies, Tyler Thomas, senior, helps train the pups until they find a permanent home. "I loved animals and wanted them to have better lives," Tyler said.



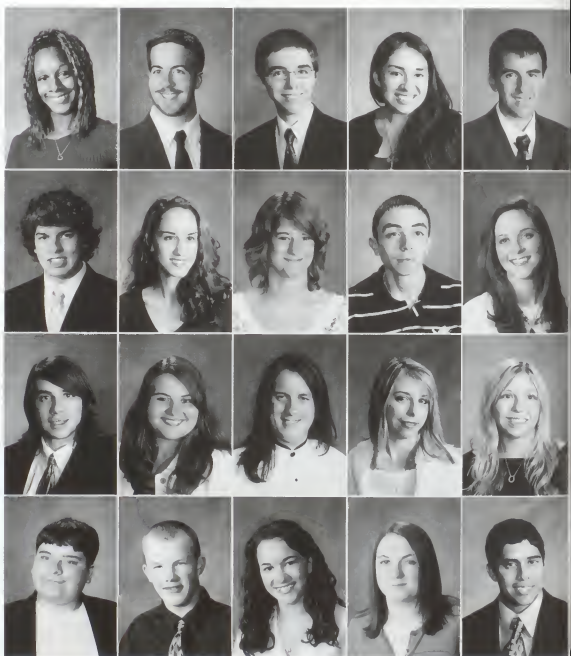
**active art** During an Art in Action lecture on Picasso, Austin Piech, senior, explains various types of art to children at Frank H. Hammond Elementary School. "The school was looking for volunteers, so I just jumped into it," Austin said. Austin quizzed the children to check if they were listening.

**Riyona LaShell Abraham:** Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); Project X 12  
**Paul Albrecht-Mallinger:** Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-11; Orchestra 10  
**Jonathan Alexander:** Jazz Band 10-11; Theatre 9; Orchestra 10-12; NHS 12; All State Choir 10-12  
**Crystal Altieri**  
**Larry Amaloo**

**Daniel Ancich:** Ping Pong 12  
**Kristina Anderson:** CEC 9-12 (pres. 9-12); NHS 11-12 (pres. 12); Spanish 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Academic Team 9-12; Project X 9-11  
**Alex Andjelich:** Basketball 9-11; Softball 9; French 10-12 (pres. 12); Project X 12; Jazz Band 12; NHS 11-12  
**Miguel Arambula:** Spanish 12  
**Angelique Arriva**

**Alexander Basil Avtgis:** Speech/Debate 11-12; Theatre 11; We the People 12; NHS 11-12  
**Amanda Bacyanis:** Art 9-11; Ensemble 9-12; French 9-12; German 9-12; Color Guard 9-12; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11-12 Auditorium Staff 9-12; Orchestra 9-11; Debate 11  
**Paul Bainbridge:** Band 9-12; Ensemble 11-12; Orchestra 11-12; Theatre 10-12; Art 11; German 9-11  
**Heather Ballard:** Fashion 9; Band 10  
**Ashleigh Barbeau:** Softball 9; ASL 9-11; Art 9

**Brian Bartniczak**  
**Nick Barton**  
**Courtney Estelle Basile:** Dance 10-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 9-12; ASL 11-12; Ping Pong 10-11  
**Jessica Beezhold:** Project X 9-12 (treas. 10, vice-pres. 11-12); Academic Team 9-12; Crier 11-12 (editor-in-chief 11-12); NHS 11-12  
**Rohan Bhagwat:** Golf 9-12; Tennis 9-10; Speech/Debate 9-10; Ping Pong 11-12





# BREAKING THE MOLD

## SHARING HOPE

Overflowing with activities, students still find the time to give back to their community

I had a job and I did sports so I could only volunteer a limited amount of time at the Humane Society. I liked working with animals. To work with something that couldn't speak and help them get their needs across was going to help me in my career. It was a lot of fun and you grew an attachment to the animals. It was really nice to see something with a hard life move into a better home.

Sam Torres, senior

I felt that it was necessary to give more than you received, and by volunteering I gave my time and received nothing material in return. I volunteered at Munster Community Hospital for four years. I also volunteered at the police department because it allowed me to interact with the public and truly help people in need. I was interested in law enforcement because you were always experiencing something new.

George Vauter, senior

As someone who had the opportunity to use what they had to help others in need, I thought volunteering was a good way to do that. For instance, visiting the Holy Innocence Center, which was like a refuge for kids, I felt like I could make an impact on peoples childhoods by reading to them. As president of Saint Vincent DePaul Youth Conference, I showed other kids that volunteering really mattered.

Clare McCollough, senior

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Alex Bilse: Football 9-12; Baseball 9

Adam Bissonet: Football 9-11

Michael N. Bizoukas: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 11-12)

Gregory Alan Blair: Ping Pong 9; Football 9-11; Golf 10

Michael Bland: Tennis 9

Katelyn Bochnowski: Basketball 9; Track 9-10;

German 9-12; CEC 9-12 (sec. 12); NHS 11-12; SADD

10-12

Andrew Bookwood

Sylvia Anna Borowicz: Track 9-12; German 9-12; Ping Pong 10

Jeffrey Bostick

Berlyn Ellen Boswell: Dance 11; ASL 11-12 (vice pres. 12)

Jacqueline Boyle: Band 9-12; French 10-12; Art 12

Cara Briggs: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); ASL 10-11;

Project X 9-10

Peter Brousalis

Elizabeth Browder: Dance 9-12; CEC 9; German 10-

11; Paragon 11-12 (editor 11-12); NHS 11-12; French 11;

Ping pong 9-11

Carolyn Anne Brown: Softball 9-10; French 9-11

(sec. 12); Theatre 10; ASL 11

Shawna Bruce

John Bugajski: Baseball 9-12 (capt. 9,10,12); Football

9,10; Ping Pong 9-11

Blaine Justin Bugaski

Ryan Burns

Tom Cafmeyer: Tennis 9-12; Basketball 9; French

11-12; Ping Pong 12

in good company Eyes glued to the screen, seniors Abby Purcell, Stefanie Dohman, Katelyn Lazzlo and Jordan Jancosek watch *America's Next Top Model*. "It was a fun time to get together," Katelyn said.

## Show stoppers

Depending on the day of the week and gender, students entertain themselves with various television shows

Boy		Girl	
Ravi Shah, senior		Cara Briggs, senior	
Prisonbreak	Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.	CSI: Miami	
Fresh Prince of Bel Air		The Inferno	
NBA basketball		Next Top Model	
Seinfeld		Greys Anatomy	
The Cosby Show		What I like About You	
Punk'd		The Real World	
Sportscenter		Desperate Housewives	



Ashley Canan: Project X 11; SADD 11  
Paul Capriglione  
Cofin Edward Carey: Ping Pong 9-12  
Lean Carey  
Mary Carr: Auditorium Staff 9-12 (Stage Mang. 12);  
NHS 11-12; Academic Team 9-10; German 9-12 (sec. 10); Art 10-12

Bennet E. Cervon: Soccer 9-12; NHS 11-12; Baseball 9-10; We the People 12; Camerata 9-12; Spanish 10-12; Orchestra 9-12  
Naveen P. Chaubal: Basketball 9; Academic Team 10-12; Tennis 9-12; Ping Pong 10-12; NHS 11-12  
Philip Chiang: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12 (capt. 12); French 11-12  
Jeff Chou: Tennis 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-10; Project X 9-10; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong (pres. 11-12); CEC 10-12 (treas. 12)  
Austin Clark

Jessica Clusserath: Softball 9-12; French 9-12; German 10; Project X 12  
Jonathan Contos: Basketball 9-12  
Aleksandar Cosovic  
Desiree Cossyleon: Orchestra 9-12 (pres. 11-12); Camerata 9-12; Speech 10-12 (treas. 12); CEC (pres. 11); Student Govt. 9-10, 12 (hist. 12); Cross Country 10-12 (co-capt. 12); Track 10; Art 10-11; Project X 12; NHS 11-12; SADD 9; We the People 12; Valedictorian  
Daniel Crisman: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 10-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9; NHS 11-12; Spanish 11-12

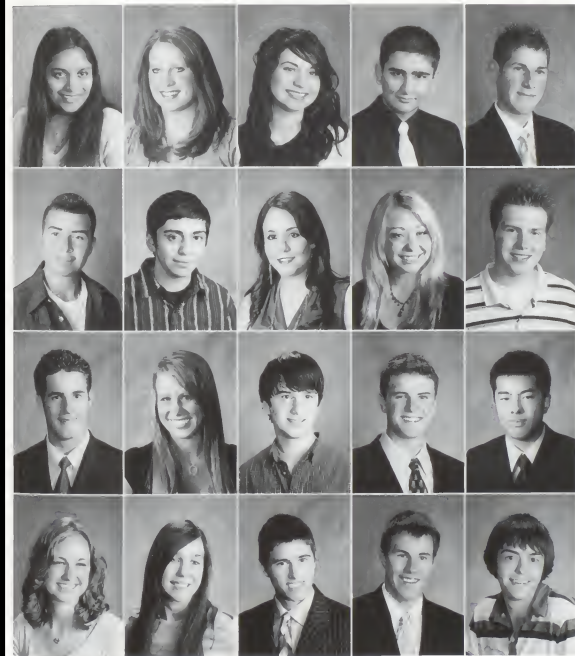
Brittany Crosby  
Erin N. Cummings: Spanish 12  
Mike Cummins: Ping Pong 9; Jazz Band 10-11; Band 10-11  
Michael Curran  
Zachary Curtis: Football 9-10; Track 9; Ping Pong 12



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**good times** On the edge of their seats, Ravi Shah, George Vauter and Mike Hlebaszko, seniors, celebrate after a good play by the Chicago Bears during the Super Bowl. "It was a pretty cool environment watching with a group of friends," Mike said. "We got to share the good times together and we grieved the tough loss." The guys' celebration was short lived as the Bears lost to the Colts 29-17.



**Dulari Dave:** Project X 10-12; Theatre 10-12; Spanish 12; Ping-Pong 11-12; DECA 11-12;

**Alyssa DeBoer**

**Courtney Alyce Decero:** French 9-12; Track 9; Project X 9

**Ankur Dedania:** Art 9-11; Ping pong 9-12; DECA 11-12; Academic Team 11-12; Debate 10-11; Project X 11; SADD 11; Spanish 11; German 11

**Darryl W. Dedelow, Jr.:** Cross Country 9-11; Track 9, 11; Project X 9, 10, 12; SADD 10-12; Spanish 9-12 (treas. 12); NHS 11, 12; DECA 11; Academic Team 11; IU Honors 11

**Daniel del Real:** French 9-11; Jazz Band 10-12; DECA 12

**David Del Rio**

**Veronica Delgado:** Spanish 10-12; Art 11; Auditorium Staff 10; DECA 10; NHS 11-12; Paragon/Crier photographer 11-12 (thead photographer 12)

**Taylor Anne Della Rocca:** Cheerleading 9-12; ASL 11-12 (sec. 12); NHS 11-12; Project X 10; SADD 10-11

**William Dempsey**

**Patrick DeRolf:** Baseball 9-12; Football 9

**Jennifer Phyllis DiCostanzo:** Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12

**Kevin Diederich**

**Cory Dillner:** Football 9-12; Wrestling 9

**Joshua Dimallig:** Ping Pong 9-12; Baseball 9-12

**Stefanie Dohman:** Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11, 12); Track 9-11; SADD 10-11; Project X 10-12; NHS 11-12; NFL 10-12

**Kaitlyn Dolatowski:** Fashion 9; Art 9-10; Spanish 10

**Joseph A. Domenico III:** Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11, 12);

**Student Govt. 11-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; CEC 10;**

**Ping Pong 9-11; SADD 10-12; Project X 10-12; We the People 12; Spanish 10**

**Kevin Donahue:** Football 9, 10; Spanish 9; German 11, 12; Crier 11, 12

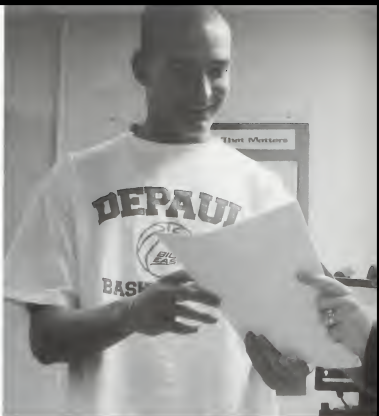
**Jaymes Doyle**

**basketball jones**  
Sporting a DePaul t-shirt, Mike Biroulas, senior, asks Mrs. Julie Moore, business teacher, for help on a worksheet. "Playing in the Big East

Conference will give me the opportunity to compete against the best players and teams," Mike said. Division 1 basketball was always his dream, according to Mike.



**tiger pride** In her University of Missouri t-shirt, Maureen Modesto, senior, shows her college pride. "After my second visit, the coach called and asked if I wanted to come on a full ride," Maureen said. Maureen plans of playing college tennis.



**Jeff Dubish:** Ping Pong 12  
**Erica Marie Dybel**  
**James Dye**

**Emily Eagan:** Softball 9-10, Student Govt. 10-12;  
French 10-11; Project X 9-11  
**Rachel Eldert:** Speech/Debate 9; Orchestra 9-11;  
Dance 10-12, NHS 11-12,  
Orchestra 9-11

**Olivia-Marie Enger:** French 9-12, Theatre 10-11, NHS  
11-12, Ensemble 11-12  
**Adam Enright:** Baseball 9-12  
**Kassandra Everett:** French 10-12; DECA 11; ASL 12  
**Elena Fallou:** Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Project X 9-12;  
SADD 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-12 (treas.  
11); IU Honors 11; We the People 12  
**David Fandi:** Football 9-12

**Mitch Farnsley:** Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); German  
10-11

**Anthony Fattore**

**Raul Ferrer Jr.:** Spanish 11-12 (pres. 12); SADD 11;  
French 12

**Michael Fisher:** Football 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Track  
10-12

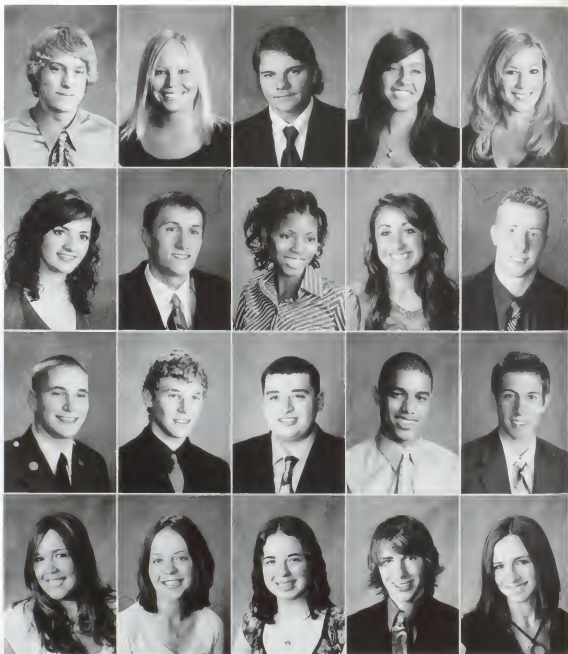
**Nicholas Fisher:** Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12; NHS  
11-12; ASL 11 (treas. 11)

**Jessica Flamme**

**Sarah Flick:** Art 9-12; Project X 10-12; Auditorium  
Staff 10-12; Theatre 10-12

**Danielle Marie Flores:** Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Track  
9-10; Ping Pong 9-10; SADD 11

**Chaz Franciscus:** Football 9; Spanish 9; Ping Pong 9  
**Marissa Gadzala**





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## ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL

After proving their worth during the seasons, student athletes take their talent to colleges across the country

**Hallie Gibbs**  
■ partial softball scholarship  
■ Syracuse University, New York

**Mike Bizoukas**  
■ full basketball scholarship  
■ DePaul University, Chicago

**Maureen Modesto**  
■ full tennis scholarship  
■ University of Missouri

**Mike Fisher**  
■ partial football scholarship  
■ Ohio Northern University

**Lauren Meneghetti**  
■ full basketball scholarship  
■ University of Southern Indiana

**Joe Raycroft**  
■ full swimming scholarship  
■ Notre Dame University

**Steven Luptak**  
■ full basketball scholarship  
■ American University, Washington D.C.

**Eric McGill**  
■ full wrestling scholarship  
■ Cornell University, New York

**Jon Contos**  
■ full basketball scholarship  
■ Calumet College

**Chelsy Kimes**  
■ full volleyball scholarship  
■ Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina

**Alaina Trgovich**  
■ full tennis scholarship  
■ University of Kentucky

**Tony Kanavos**  
■ partial tennis scholarship  
■ Vincennes University

**Cara Briggs**  
■ full swimming scholarship  
■ Wright State University, Ohio

**Megan Paradzinski**  
■ partial basketball scholarship  
■ St. Xavier University, Chicago

**Tommy Mambourg**  
■ football  
■ Wabash College

**Jordan Jancosek**

■ swimming  
■ Oberlin College, Ohio

**Alex Galante:** Tennis 9-12; Spanish 9-10,12; Ping Pong 9,11,12; Speech 9; NHS 12  
**Stephanie Gallardo:** Cross Country 10-12; Project X 11,12; Ping Pong 10  
**Anacelia Garcia**  
**Onasas Gbagi:** French 9-12; Art 9-11; Ping Pong 9,10; Track 10-12 (capt. 11,12)  
**Errol Geberin:** Basketball 9,10; Project X 9,11,12; NHS 12

**Brendan Georgas:** Cross Country 9-12; Diving 9-12; Track 9-12; Project X 11,12; Art 11; NHS 11,12  
**Olivia Rae Gershman:** Dance 10-12; Cheerleading 9; Speech/Debate 9; NHS 11,12  
**Leo Giannakis:** Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 10; Ping Pong 9-12; NHS 12;  
**Hallie Margaret Gibbs:** Golf 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-11; Softball 9-12  
**Lauren Gier**

**Aubry Gilbert:** Volleyball 9-10; Swim Manager 10-12; ASL 12  
**Margaret Gluek:** Volleyball 9 (capt. 9); Ping Pong 9; SADD 10-11; Spanish 9-12  
**Michael V. Gonzalez:** Baseball 9; DECA 12; Basketball 9 (mang)  
**Erin L. Goodman:** Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12)  
**Ellis Gopalan**

**David L. GoShay:** Football 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Student Gov. 12  
**Ryan Gott:** Project X 9-12; SADD 12; French 9-12; Ping Pong 10-11; Spanish 9-12  
**Ben Gouvans:** Tennis 10-12; Ping Pong 9-12  
**Jacob Robert Groszek:** Football 9-12  
**Hilary Grunewald:** Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 9,12); NHS 11-12; SADD 9-10; French 9-12

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## COUPLED TOGETHER

Meeting significant others earlier in their high school careers or later, students endure the difficulties relationships offer. Whether pairing up in couples or playing the field, students find the fit which works for them

### Long Distance

“Jake [Kunz, '06] and I talked every day on the phone, online and through Facebook messages. We tried equally visiting each other. When he was home we tried to go to church together and go out to dinner with his parents. We liked going out in groups of people or hanging out by ourselves, as long as we were together.”

Lauren Lomeli,  
senior

### Long-term

“It didn't bother me that we have been together for so long because Kate really made me happy and I didn't think anyone else could make me feel that way. Sure, we fought like everyone else but we came to an agreement in the end because we knew how the other person was. We were so close we were almost apart of each others families.”

Joey Domenico,  
senior

### Unattached

“Being single was fun because you weren't tied down and you were free to do whatever you liked. When I thought of relationships, I thought of the obligation to do something. When I was single, I had my own choice to do whatever. I didn't have to depend on anyone but myself.”

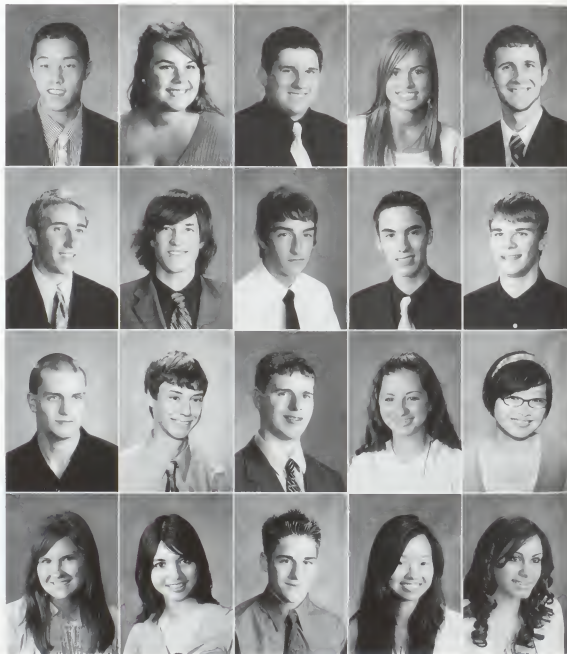
Tammy Lee,  
senior

James D. Han: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 11-12;  
Golf 10; NHS 11-12  
Mary Haneman: Orchestra 9-11; Project X 9; German  
12  
Kyle Harker: Football 9-12; Ping Pong 12  
Kelsey Hauflaire: Swimming 9-12  
Mike Hawkins: Spanish 9

Jeffrey Heintz: Diving 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12  
Collin Hendron: Wrestling 9  
Brian Heneghan  
David Hernandez  
James Hesterman: Football 9-10; Track 9; Ping Pong  
9-10

Frank Hibbs  
Michael Hlebasko: Tennis 10-12; Golf 11-12; Ping-  
pong 11-12  
Thomas Hofstra  
Alyssa Lynn Hruskocy: Volleyball 9; Cheerleading  
10; ASL 12 (sec. 12)  
Cecilia Huang: CEC 9; NHS 11-12; Swimming 9;  
French 9; Speech/Debate 10; Crier 11 (Op. Ed. 11);  
Project X 10-12; Art 10-12

Lauren Nicole Hudak: Speech/Debate 9-12 (capt.  
12); NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Student Govt. 9-12 (sec.  
12); We the People 11; French 9-12 (hist. 11, pres 12);  
Academic Team 10-12 (pres. 12); SADD 10-12 (sec.  
11-12); Project X 10-12 (sec. 10-12)  
Fatima Hussain: NHS 11-12; Art 10; Speech/Debate  
9-12; Project X 10-11; SADD 10-11; Ping Pong 11-12;  
Spanish 10-12; Theatre 11; Ensembles 11  
Eric Hutchings  
Chan Huynh: We the People 12; Student Govt. 9;  
CEC 10-12 (vice pres. 11); NHS 11-12 (treas. 12);  
Theatre 10-12; Speech/Debate 9-11; African Drum  
11-12; Orchestra 9-12  
Rimi Ibrahim





**field of love** After seeing the word 'homecoming' spelled out on t-shirts, Marissa Sylvester, senior, runs to accept Rich Meyers' offer to be his date for the Homecoming Dance. "I was very surprised that he spent so much time to plan a cute way of asking me," Marissa said.



**lasting love** Wrapped in each other's arms, Chris Winterhalter, senior, hugs his girlfriend of one year, Kaitlin Newell, senior. "What I liked most about Chris was that he made me laugh," Kaitlin said.



**Jordan Michelle Jancosek:** Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Cross Country 9-10; Track 9,11; CEC (vice pres. 10, 12); Student Govt. 11; German 9-12 (treas. 11, pres. 12); NHS 12; Band 9-11  
**Alexis Jeter:** Project X 9-10; We the People 11; Spanish 9-12; ASL 11-12 (pres. 12); Speech / Debate 10  
**Dan Johnson**  
**Andrew Jonelis:** Football 9-12; German 9-11; NHS 11-12

**Matt M. Jones:** Football 9; Ping Pong 12; German 12; ASL 12; Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12  
**Luke Jorgensen**  
**Olga Jovanovic**  
**Pete Jurich:** Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12; NHS 11-12  
**Jeffrey Justus:** Tennis 9; Golf 9; Track 10-12; Cross Country 10-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Academic Team 9-11; German 10-11

**Golnoosh Kamali:** Spanish 9-10; Project X 9-12; SADD 10-12; Academic Team 10-12; NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); Art 9-12; We the People 12  
**Anthony Kanavos:** Tennis 10-12; Baseball 10  
**Freet Kaur**  
**Bret Keil:** Baseball 9-12; Ping Pong 9-12; ASL 11-12  
**Christopher Kennelly:** Academic Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; IU Honors 10; German 10-12; Speech / Debate 10-12

**Steven Kerber**  
**Alexander Kevin**  
**Manal Khani:** Basketball 9; Art 10  
**Chelsy Rhae Kimes:** Volleyball 9-12; Spanish 9-10; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9-12; Track 9-12; Project X 9-10  
**Melissa Kirincic:** NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 10-12; Speech / Debate 9; German 9-10; Project X 9-12; Crier 11

**let it roll** Connecting his camera to his computer, Zach Perlinski, senior, uploads his movie, "Film making for me was a form of expression, and when I directed I could be in control of the entire film making process," Zach said.

**say cheese** Digital camera in the air, Arabel Gutierrez and Krystina Liput, seniors, take a picture to remember the moment. "I wanted to keep the treasured moments," Arabel said. "I like the LCD screens on the digital cameras."

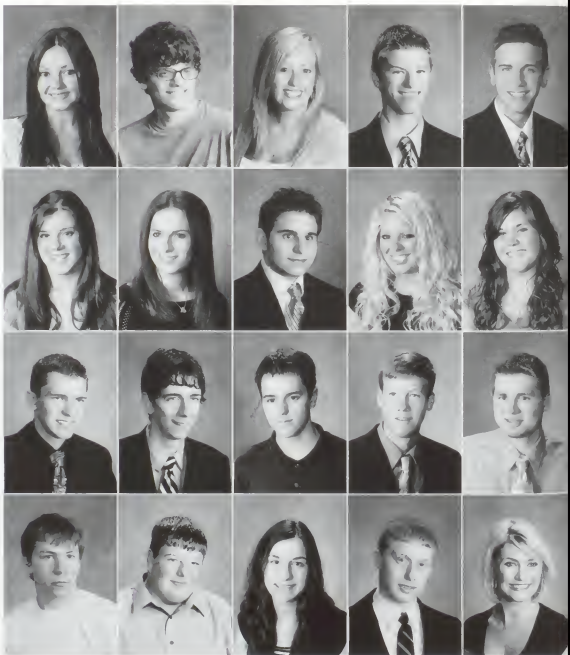


Kaylin Kish: Volleyball 9  
Jarred Koessler  
Ashley Kolarik: Spanish 9-10; Project X 9-10, 12;  
Auditorium Staff 10; SADD 12  
Chris Kolodziej  
Michael James Konopasek: Project X 9; German 9;  
French 9; Theatre 9-12; Thesplan 10-12; Ensembles 10-12; ASL 12 (pres. 12); Speech/Debate 9-11; Choir 11-12  
(All State); PAT 10-12

Renae Kooy: Softball 9-10; French 9-12; German 11-12;  
Track 11  
Christina Alexandra Kouklakis: Diving 9-12 (capt. 12); Ensembles 10; Theatre 10  
Chris Kounellis  
Kristine Kovach: Track 9-10; Soccer 9-10; SADD 10-11; ASL 11  
Leah Blair Kozlowski: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9; Ping Pong 11; Project X 9-11; African Drum 12

Patrick Kozlowski  
Jacob Krismanick: SADD 9-11; Art 9-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12  
Veljko Kirkobabic  
Matthew Kuehn: Band 9-12; Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Tennis 11-12; Golf 11-12; NHS 11-12  
Jeffrey Kurth

Dave La Mantia: We the People 12  
Alexander Lackey: Ping Pong 9  
Milijana Lalic: German 9-11; Art 10  
Warren Lane: Swimming 9-12  
Alyssa Larimer: Cheerleading 9; Theatre 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; Fashion 9-11; Ensembles 9-12; African Drum 9-12; French 10-12





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## SNAP SHOTS

With advancing technologies students find it easier to capture the year on camera

“Making movies as a hobby for students was rewarding. People liked drawing and writing but movies were a really new, accessible way to express themselves. The first movie I made was with my family and friends when we were on vacation. I was 11 years old and just looking back on our high pitched voices and clothes we wore it showed how different we were back then.”

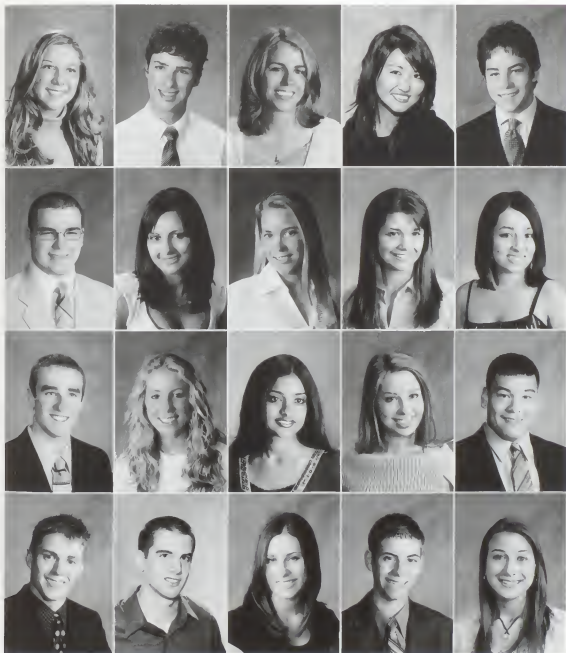
Naveen Chaubal,  
senior

“Taking pictures was a way to always remember all the experiences you had with your friends and family. You could forget stuff that happened and how everyone looked, but pictures would always be a great reminder. My friends knew I could be a bit obsessive with taking pictures, but in the end they appreciated it when they went online and looked at all my 60 Facebook albums.”

Lisa Weichman,  
senior

“Filmmaking was a way to express yourself. It was something I was passionate about because I felt it was a creative form. You could create pieces of film. I had a talent which allowed me to express my ideas, and I was always thinking of aspects I could put in my film. Although I was a beginning filmmaker, I taught myself different angles, how to write a script, editing, and writing a screenplay.”

Zach Perlinski,  
senior



Katelyn Laszlo: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 10-11; IU Honors 11; We the People 12

Bryan Lee: Jazz Band 9-12; Band 9-12; German 9-10; Ping Pong 11-12; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 12; African Drum 12; Theatre 10-12

Catherine Lee: Speech/Debate 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Ping Pong 9-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; We the People 12; Theatre 11-12; CEC 10-11

Tamara Lynn Lee: Tennis 9-11; Spanish 9-12 (sec. 12); Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech/Debate 10; Auditorium Staff 9; Ping Pong 11-12

Connor Leto: Swimming 9-12; ASL 11-12; Spanish 9-10

Matthew Lipinski: Ping Pong 10-12 (vice pres. 11-12); Football 9; Academic Team 9-12

Krystina Liput

Heather Loden: Basketball 9; Ping Pong 9-12; Project X 11-12; French 9-12; Softball 9-11; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12; NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-10

Lauren Lomeli  
Veronica Lopez

Steven B. Luptak: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12)  
Emily Ann Lyness: Student Govt. 9-12 (hist. 11, Pub. rel. 12); French 9-11 (Sec. 11); NHS (11-12)

Chakori Macherla: Art 11, 12; Spanish 12; Project X 12; DECA 12; Ping Pong 9-12

Mara Katherine Maddocks: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12); Tennis 10-11; Speech/Debate 9-10, 12; Spanish 9; Project X 9; CEC 9; Orchestra 9-12; Ensemble 10-12; We the People 12; Theatre 9

Jereme Magsaysay

Thomas M. Mambourg: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12; Track 9-12; German 12 (vice pres. 12)  
Milos Mandic: Basketball 9-12

Nicole Marie Marini

Tony Markovich: Soccer manager 9; Ping Pong 9; Band 9-11; jazz band 9, 10; Swimming 10-12; NHS 11, 12; Spanish 9; CEC 11, 12; Pargem 12

Marissa Marshall: Spanish

**movie munchies** At the candy and drinks counter, Jackie Boyle and John Strong, seniors, pay for their food. "My favorite candy was Mike and Ike because they would stick to my cheeks and I could taste them for the whole movie," John said.

**laugh lines** Movies in their hands, Rose McKeon and Marissa Zoppetti, seniors, check out the comedy selection at Blockbuster. Students found sitting and watching a movie simple entertainment. "It was a fun thing to do with a friend," Marissa said.

## WALLET BUSTER

With show rates on the rise, students find renting a movie a cheaper alternative

Showplace 16	Blockbuster
With Student ID: \$7 Without: \$9	New Release: \$4.65 One day rental: \$4.65
Large: \$5.50 Small: \$4.50	Bucket: \$1.79 Microwave: \$0.99
Soft Drink: \$4 ICEE: \$3.75	20 oz. Bottle: \$1.19 2 Liter Bottle: \$1.49
Reese's Pieces: \$3 Twizzlers: \$2.50	Reese's Pieces: \$1.99 Twizzlers: \$1.69

candy drinks popcorn movies



Jacklyn Martin

Kathryn Leann Martino: Swimming 10-12 (capt. 12); Softball 9-11; Volleyball 9; Project X 9; SADD 11

Jaclyn Rose McCarthy: Softball 9-11

Clare Marie McCullough: Project X 10-12 (treas. 11, 12); Soccer 9; German 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Crier 11; Spanish 9-10; Ping Pong 9-12

Eric Donald McGill: Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 11, 12); DECA 11

Colleen McIntyre: Soccer 9; Band 9; Ping Pong 9-12; Orchestra 10-12; NHS 11, 12; Project X 10, 11; German 10; Crier 11

James Francis McKeon

Mary Rose McKeon: Speech/Debate 9-10 (Speech); French 11-12 (treas. 11); Student Gov. 11

Anthony McMahan

Rachel McMahon: Basketball 9; Track 9-12; Art 9-12 (sec. 9-11, pres. 12); Project X 9-12; Academic Team 10-12; NHS 11, 12; Spanish 9-12; Fashion 9; African Drum 12

Brittany Medved: Speech/Debate 10; Theatre 12

Sarah Elizabeth Meggars: German 10; Theatre 11-12; Ensemble 12

James Mehoki: Soccer 9-10; Ping Pong; Spanish 10

Sam Merier

Lauren Emily Meneghetti: Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; Golf 10-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12)

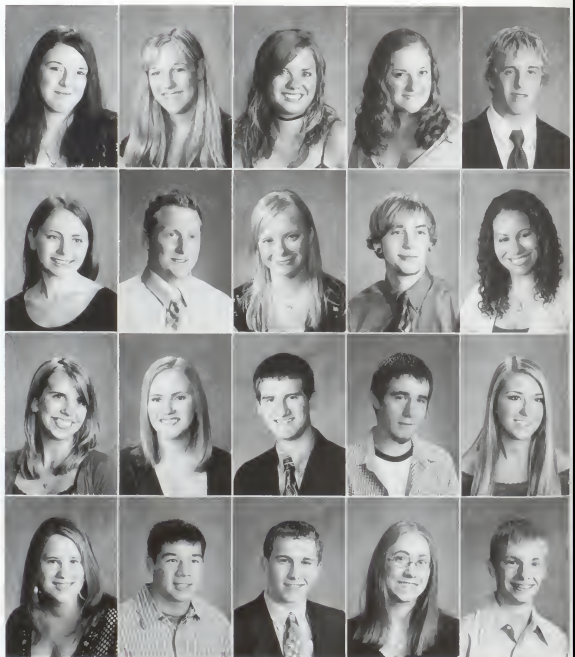
Angelique Mercier: French 9-12; SADD 10-12; Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12

John Meyers

Richard A. Meyers: Football 9-12; Track 9-12 (capt. 11, 12)

Vicki Miskimins

Micahel Mlodecki: French 9-10



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## MOST POPULAR MOVIES

1. Night at the Museum
2. Happy Feet
3. 300
4. Casino Royale
5. The Pursuit of Happyness
6. Talladega Nights
7. Wild Hogs
8. The Departed
9. Borat
10. Ghost Rider

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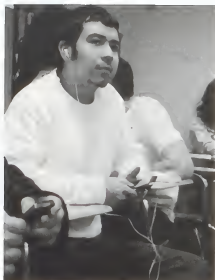
Maureen Allison Modesto: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 11, 12)  
Cross Country 11  
Elisa Monica Moll: Speech/Debate 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; French 9-12; German 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Project X 10-12; NHS 11, 12; PAT 11, 12; IU Honors 11  
Katharyne Moore  
Kevin Moran  
Alex Morfas: Wrestling 9-12

Chance Morgan: NHS 11, 12; Swimming 11, 12  
Natalie Moya: Speech/Debate 9-11; Spanish 10; Project X 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; Art 9, 10; IU Honors 11; Crier 11-12 (feature ed. 11, managing ed. 12)  
Kendal Moyer: Volleyball 9; ASL 11  
John-Michael Mulesa: Jazz band 9-12; Band 9-12; NHS 9-12; Academic Team 9-12 (capt. 10, 11)  
Eric Nelson: Soccer 10-12; Soccer 9 (mang); Ping Pong 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 10; SADD 10; CEC 12

Kaitlin Newell: Dance Team 9-12; ASL 11  
George Nieves: Ping Pong 10, 12; Track 10-12; DECA 11, 12  
Lauren Jessica Nourie: Softball 9-12; Ping Pong 9-11; SADD 9-11; Project X 10-11; ASL 10-11; French 12; Spanish 9  
Eunice Abena Ntiamaah: Cheerleading 9-11 (capt. 10); Track 9-11; SADD 9-12 (vice pres. 11-12); Project X 9-12; Speech 9, 11-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 12; Paragon 12; Principal's Award of Excellence 11  
Shaheen Omery: Track 9; DECA 10-12 (vice pres. 11)

Jessica Isabel Osegueda: Track 9; Fashion 9; ASL 11-12 (sec. 12); Publications photographer 10-12  
Julie Ostrowski: French 9-11  
Laura Anna Panoszo: ASL 11; French 10; Project X 10; SADD 12; Auditorium Staff 10  
Megan Paradzinski: Softball 9-12; Volleyball 9-10  
Bridget Claire Parker: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); Band 9-12 (sec. leader 11-12); Ensembles 9-12; Jazz Band 10-11; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 9-12; African Drum 11-12; Orchestra 10-12; CEC 9, 11

**fast lane** In Miss Valerie Pflum's classroom, Lauren Hudak, senior, finishes her Honors Calculus homework. "I listened to trance music which had a fast pace beat and I did my homework to that speed," Lauren said.



**rock on** During down time in class, Danny Del Rio senior, listens to "Time" by Pink Floyd on his iPod. "I liked to listen to music in my free time, especially when I didn't have any homework," Danny said.

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## top downloaded songs

"Give It to Me" by Timbaland feat. Justin Timberlake and Nelly Furtado

"What I've Done" by Linkin Park  
"Girlfriend" by Avril Lavigne

"Beautiful Liar" by Beyoncé and Shakira  
"Glamorous" by Fergie

"The Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani  
"Don't Matter" by Akon

"Last Dollar (Fly Away)" by Tim McGraw

"Buy U a Drink (Shawty Snappin)" by T-Pain feat. Yung Joc

Best Sellers List  
surveyed April 10

"With Love" by Hilary Duff

**Lauren Parker:** Softball 9-12  
**Lyann Jason Pastrana:** NHS 11-12; French 9-11; Ping Pong 10-11; Track 9-12; Band 9-12  
**Mihir Patel:** Basketball 9-10; ASL 11-12  
**Tony Perez**  
**Zachary Dalton Perlinski:** French 9-12; Spanish 10; Project X 9-12; Ensembles 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Hoosier Boys State 11

**Dragan Petrovic:** Soccer 9-12; Ping Pong 9-11; Art 9-10; Project X 9-10  
**Austin Piech:** Cross Country 9-11; Wrestling 9-10; Speech and Debate 10-12; Theatre 10-12; German 11-12; Spanish 11-12; French 12; CEC 10; Thespian 12  
**Neylan Poccontek:** Band 9-12; Color Guard 9-11; French 11-12; We the People 12  
**Pat Pohrter:** Football 9; Athletic Trainer 10-11; Project X 10-12; French 12; ASL 12  
**Theatre 10-12; Auditorium Staff 11-12; Thespian 12**  
**Beata Pozdzal**

**Anita Pulido**  
**Abigail Purcell:** Volleyball 9-10; Spanish 9-10; German 11-12; Swimming 9-11; Project X 9-10; Theatre 9; Ensembles 10  
**Mike Purchla**  
**Jennie Marie Ramirez:** Basketball 9; ASL 10-11; Speech 10  
**Na'Lani Ravelo:** German 9-10,12; African Drum 10-12; Ensemble 10-12; Basketball 9; Track 9-10,12; Ping Pong 9-10; Diving 10

**Joseph Raycroft:** Swimming 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Academic Team 9-12 (capt. 10-12); Jazz Band 9-10; Student Govt. 9,12; CEC 10-11  
**Colleen Resler:** French 9-12 (pres.); Art 9-10; Ping Pong 9-11  
**Jeffrey Reuter:** Soccer 9-12; ASL 1-12; Ping Pong 10-12; Spanish 9-10; SADD 9,12  
**Johnathan Richardson:** Tennis 9-12  
**Adam Riley**





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## FACE THE MUSIC

Though students have different tastes in music, and like different artists, they agree that concerts provide a good time

“Incubus had a really unique sound. Their music was very different than other bands and was kind of out there. They are my favorite band, but my favorite concert was when I saw Avenged Sevenfold. It was the wildest concert I have ever been to. The fans made mosh pits and it was the first concert that I went crowd surfing. I had a great time.”

Olivia Gershman,  
senior

“My favorite concert had to be Bonnaroo. I went the past three years and loved it every time. All of my favorite bands played during the 4-day festival. The fans were all just a bunch of hippies. The tickets usually cost around \$200 but I probably would have paid \$400. The bands were that good.”

Dan Schlesinger,  
senior

**Kaitlin A. Ritchie:** Ping Pong 9-11; ASL 11-12; Project X 11-12; German 10; Dance Team 9-10  
**Christina Rizk:** Orchestra 9-12; Ensemble 10; Ensembles 12; African Drum 11-12; Spanish 10; ASL 12; Project X 10-11; Camerata 9-12  
**Kayla Roache:** Fashion 9; French 9-11  
**Meghan Ruiche:** Track 9; French 9-10; ASL 11-12 (treas.)  
**Akash Rusia:** Tennis 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 9-12

**Donna May Sadural:** Spanish 10; French 10; Ping Pong 10; Auditorium Staff 10; Project X 10  
**Luis Salazar**  
**Amy Saltanovitz**  
**Daniel Schlesinger:** Ping Pong 9-10; CEC 10  
**Jason Schmelzer**

**Greg Schmitt:** Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9-12; Ping Pong 11-12  
**Patricia Schmueser:** Tennis 9-12; French 10-12  
**Joel Schneider:** Speech/Debate 9-12 (pres. 12); Theatre 9-12 (vice pres. 12); CEC 10-12 (vice pres. 10); Ping Pong 10-12; Academic Team 9, 11; Spanish 10; We the People 12  
**Joseph C. Scholtz:** Soccer 9-11; Ping Pong 9-12; Spanish 9-10; Art 9-10; NHS 11-12; CEC 11-12  
**Michael Schramm:** Football 9-10; Baseball 9; French 10

**Amanda Schulte:** French 9-12; IU Honors 11; Speech/Debate 10-11; Softball 9-12; Soccer 9-11; NHS 11-12; Project X 9-10; SADD 9-10  
**Justine Setton**  
**Cameron J. Seient:** Football 9-12; Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 11-12  
**Ravi Shah:** Speech/Debate 9-11; Tennis 9-12; Spanish 9-11; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 11-12; Band 9; Ping Pong 9-12  
**Bryan E. Sherman**

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**pay up** At Starbucks Jeff Chou, senior, pays for his Caramel Frappuccino. Jeff spent approximately four days a week hanging out with friends after school. "I liked to talk to them and catch up on our lives," Jeff said.

## HOT OR NOT

With a limited amount of social activities, students name their place of choice

### hot hang-outs

- **Fro-yo**  
Natalie Moya, senior
- **Blueroom Cafe**  
Elissa Moll, senior
- **Aladdin Pita**  
Meghan Ruich, senior
- **Buffalo Wild Wings**  
Kelley Haulaitre, senior
- **Starbucks**  
Lauren Hudak, senior
- **Beggar's Pizza**  
Liz Vacendak, senior
- **Bean Counters**  
Lauren Lamell, senior
- **Target**  
Ryan Gott, senior
- **Westfield Mall**  
Marissa Sylvester, senior
- **Houses without parents**  
Josh Spiekhoort, senior

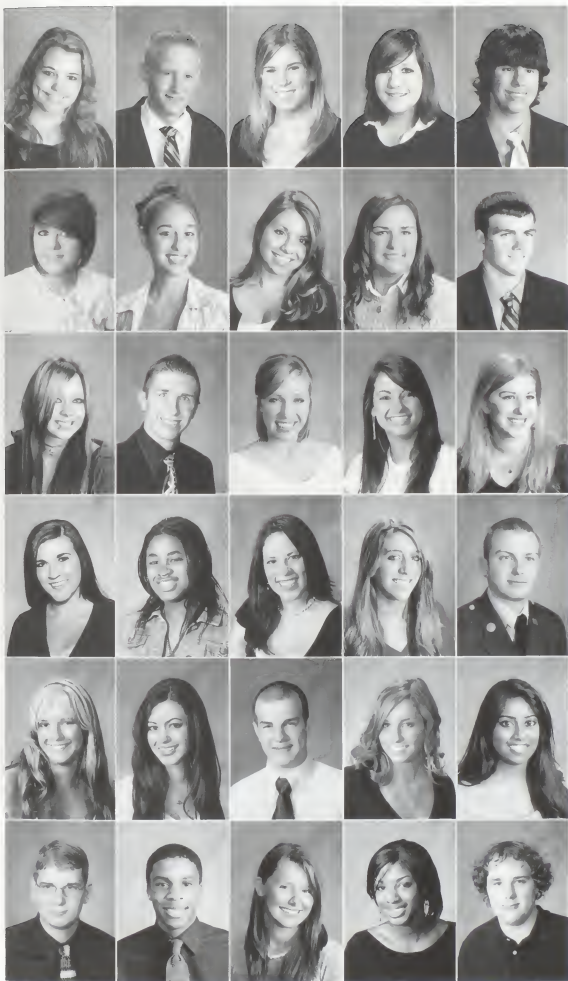
### lame locales

- **Blade 'n' Skate**  
Catie Lee, senior
- **Munster Pool**  
Mike Puchta, senior
- **Zel's**  
Kalpana Patil, senior
- **Home Depot**  
Marissa Marshall, senior
- **Indiana Visitor's Center**  
Amanda Bacoyanis, senior
- **Dollar Store**  
Jimmy Mehok, senior
- **El Salto**  
Elena Falloon, senior
- **Mejier**  
Maureen Modesto, senior
- **The Fun Center**  
Olivia Enger, senior
- **The entire town**  
Alysa Lirimer, senior



Maureen Shields: Cross Country 11-12 (capt. 12); CEC 9-10; Student Govt 11; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; German 9-12  
Michelle K. Shinlaza: French 10; German 10; DECA 10; Fashion 10; Swimming 9-11  
Aisha Siddiqui: Speech/Debate 9, 11; DECA 10-12; Art 10-12; Spanish 10-12; Ping Pong 11-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 12  
Ryan Slosser: Football 9; Golf 9-12; Band 9-11  
Lester Smith





**Ashly Speakman:** French 10; **Josh Spiekneut:** Spanish 12  
**Kara Ann Sparlock:** Project X 9-12; German 9-12;  
 Ping Pong 10-12  
**Corinne Stafford:** Band 9-12; DECA 10; Swimming  
 10; Fashion 10  
**Russel Starcevich:** Ping Pong 9; Football 9

**Julie Stocky**  
**Danielle Stone:** German 9-12; Track 9-11; Ping Pong  
 9-11; ASL 12  
**Samantha Stone**  
**Katie Stout:** Project X 9-12 (pres. 10-12); CEC 10-11;  
 Softball 9; Ping Pong 11  
**John F. Strong:** Football 9-12; Ping Pong 12

**Julie Stump**  
**Marissa Leann Sylvester:** Cheerleading 10-12; NHS 11-12;  
 SADD 10-12 (treas. 12); Track 9-11; Project X 9-12; Art 9;  
 Spanish 9  
**Katie Michele Szafarz:** Cheerleading 9-10 (capt. 9-10);  
 Student Govt 9-11; CEC 12; ASL 11-12 (vice pres. 12);  
 SADD 9-11; Project X 9-11  
**Katherine Estelle Taylor:** Theatre 9-12; Thespian 10-12;  
*Paragon* 11-12 (copy ed. 11-12); Speech 9-10; Ensemble 10-  
 12; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; Fashion 9-10

**Samantha Taylor:** Dance 9-12 (capt. 11-12); ASL 11;  
*Paragon* 12  
**Tyler N. Thomas:** Basketball 9; Track 11-12; German  
 11-12; Ping Pong 11  
**Samantha Layne Torres:** ASL 10-12; Dance 9;  
 Swimming 10-12; Diving 10-12; Track 9-12; Speech 9-  
 10; Theatre 9; Project X 10-12; African Drum 11-12  
**Alania Trgovich:** Tennis 9; Project X 10-11  
**Jason Trgovich**

**Nicole C. Trimolt:** Basketball 9-10; Track 9-11;  
 German 10-12; ASL 12; Ping Pong 10-11  
**Danielle M. Trounoularis:** Theatre 9-12 (pres. 12);  
 Ensembles 9-10; Ensembles 11-12; African Drum 9-12;  
 Fashion 9-10 (sec. 10); Spanish 9-10; NHS 11-12  
**Jacob Turnbull:** Ping Pong 12  
**Alicia Tuuk:** Swimming 9-12  
**Anitha Umapathy:** Tennis 9-11; Track 9; SADD 9-11;  
 Project X 9-10; Ping Pong 9-10; NHS 11-12; Spanish  
 9-11; Speech 9-10; IU Honors 11; We the People 12;  
 German 10

**Dan Umlauf:** Band 9-12  
**Eni Uwidiak:** Basketball 9-12  
**Elizabeth A. Vacendak:** Cheerleading 9 (capt. 9);  
 Diving 9-10; French 9-11; CEC 10-11 (Vice pres. 10);  
 Project X 10; *Paragon* 11  
**Justine Van Dyke:** Volleyball 10; Project X 11; French  
 11-12  
**David Van Wieren**

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## q&a

What is your favorite book?

**Good Omens** By Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett

“It’s a funny book and more different than any book I’ve ever read. It had an interesting story line because it was about a demon and an angel who are drinking buddies and they try to stop the Apocalypse.”

Amanda Bacoyanis, senior

**Harry Potter Series** by J.K. Rowling

“No matter how many times I read the books, I enjoy them every time. I like them because they have every element of a good story.”

Olivia Gershman, senior

**The Da Vinci Code** by Dan Brown

“It was really interesting and it was a mystery book. The book was related to my faith, and I’m Catholic. The book talks about a big conspiracy within the Catholic church and that was what intrigued me to read it.”

Jason Pastrana, senior

**Angels & Demons** by Dan Brown

“It was extremely adventurous. Mystery novels are always exciting. Dan Brown added a level in this book. It was one of those books that you kept turning the page and couldn’t stop.”

Akash Rusia, senior

**Things Not Seen** by Andrew Clements

“It was a science fiction book. The reason why it appealed to me was it was about a boy who woke up one day and he was invisible. It dealt with a situation not in a far-fetched way but as if it were real.”

Adam White, senior

**Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley

“My type of books were usually philosophical and older like Plato and Socrates, but there was something about *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley that really grabbed my attention.”

Shaheen Omeri, senior

Mary Van Deursen: Volleyball 9; Tennis 10-11; SADD 10; Project X 10-12; Ping Pong 9-10; Spanish 10  
Cristina Elena Vankor: Speech 9-12; NHS 11-12; We The People 12; CEC 9-11; SADD 10-12 (President 11-12); Theatre 10-12; Art 10-12 (VP 11); Spanish 9-12 (Secretary 11); French 10-12; German 9-11; Fashion 10; Ping Pong 10; DECA 11 (Secretary)  
Melissa Vargo: Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-11; French 9-11  
Kate Varnum: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9; Track 9; Student Govt. 10, 12 (vice pres. 12); Project X 9-12; SADD 10-12; CEC 11 (sec.); Spanish 9-10  
Sonja Vasic: Theater 9-10; Speech and Debate 9-12; ASL 11-12 (Treasurer); Band 9-11

Matt Vasquez

George Vauter: Golf 9-11; NHS 11-12; German 12

Leroy Velasquez

Jon Velchek: Football 9-12; Baseball 10; German 9-12;

Ping Pong 9; Orchestra 9

Alison Venhuizen

William Watterson

Andrew Webb

Adriana Weichman: Project X 9; Fashion 10; ASL 11-12

Lisa Weichman: Spanish 9-11; ASL 10-11; SADD 9-12;

Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12; We the People 12; CEC 9

Kelly A. Werner: Basketball 9; Softball 9-10; Volleyball

9; French 9-11; Spanish 9; Art 9-12







**read between the lines**  
With literature surrounding him, Joel Schneider, senior, looks for a fiction book. "Books offer a lot of variety. You get a sense of accomplishment with reading a book more than you get by watching TV," Joel said.

**story time** Legs folded across her sofa, Jordan Janosek, senior, reads *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin. "I like d reading because it was interesting. When I read I become involved in the story with the characters," Jordan said.



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## top summer reading books

*Speak*  
by Laurie Halse Anderson

*It's Not*  
by Patricia McCormick

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

by Mark Haddon

*Monster*

by Walter Dean Myers

*The House on Mango Street*

by Sandra Cisneros

*The Secret Life of Bees*

by Sue Monk

*Friction*

by E. R. Frank

*I Had Seen Costles*

by Cynthia Rylant

*You Don't Know Me*

by David Klass

*Whirligig*

by Paul Fleischman

Source: Mr. Marc Lehner  
based on Summer Reading  
test results



Kimberly Anna Wiers: Band 9-12; Color Guard 9-12;  
Ensembles 12-12; French 9-11; Auditorium Staff 11-12;  
Theatre 9-12; Thespian 12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11  
Chris Winterhalter: Football 9; Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12)  
Dana Wold  
Brandon Wood  
Brian Wysock

Emily Yaeger: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); German 9-12  
(vice pres. 12); Art 9; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12; Ping  
Pong 10-12  
Maya Zaragoza: Art 11; African Drum 12; *Paragon* 12  
Jordan Zarowny: Tennis 10; Ping Pong 10; Spanish 9  
Zachary Zawistowski  
Michele Zehner: Dance Team 9-12; Ping Pong 9-11;  
ASL 11-12; Project X 11-12; NHS 11-12

Marissa Lynn Zoppetti: Cheerleading 9-10, 12 (capt.  
12); Student Govt. 9; French 9-12 (sec. 12); CEC 10-12;  
NHS 11-12

# IN THE COMFORT **ZONE**

## CURFEW EXCUSES

When the clock strikes past curfew hours, students concoct tales to avoid punishment.

- We watched a movie, and I fell asleep.
- I thought you said an hour earlier.
- I was home; I was parked in the drive-way talking for the last two hours.
- But Dad said it was okay.
- I got stopped by a train.
- My car wouldn't start.

**running scared** Frantically driving in the direction towards home, Taylor Brian, junior, speeds 15 miles over the speed limit. "I couldn't be even five minutes over my curfew or my mother would be livid," Taylor said. "I usually would be out with my friends eating and just lose track of time, but I liked the fact that I was breaking the rules, as long as I didn't get caught." The punishment for breaking the rules would result in a grounding for the next day, according to Taylor. "Getting caught was definitely the worst," she said. "But as long as I got home okay, I could usually talk myself out of a bad situation."



Ive Abu-Aita  
Steve Adams  
Sonia Alanis  
Danny Alexander  
Tieg Alexander  
Trevor Alexander  
Valerie Alvarez  
Eric Anderson

Katie Anderson  
Jovan Andjelic  
Carolynn Andrews  
Nick Anello  
Jeremy Aponte  
Ashley Arens  
Christian Arteaga  
Jesus Avina

Mary Baggett  
Justice Bakker  
Kerann Ballanco  
Michelle Ballard  
Justin Basile  
Tommy Bassetto  
Alexandro Bazan  
Steven Beatty

Buddy Becher  
Michael Becka  
Pat Behrens  
Adam Belkairous  
Aminia Benman  
Philip Bernardi  
Brett Bertagnolini  
Jacob Buscan

Lauren Blazevich  
Samantha Bonessa  
Matt Bonini  
Megan Bonke  
Peter Borgia  
Jordana Botton  
Bernadette Bowen  
Kyle Boyd

Dan Boyle  
Trevor Bozich  
Tatiana Bozovic  
Alan Bradaric  
Charlie Bragg  
Jeffrey Bragiel  
Alex Brajak  
Jenna Brakulis





## MAKING CURFEW

Whether strict or flexible, parents set the time for students to be safe and sound at home

### 11 p.m.

Bailey Remeck, junior

### 11:30 p.m.

Kristin Pagane, junior

### 12:30 a.m.

Brian Ritz, junior

### 1 a.m.

Joe Jamcich, junior

### 2 a.m.

Nick Stoffregen, junior

### No Curfew

Chris Witter, junior



Taylor Brian  
Holly Brown  
Sabrina Brown  
Mitch Bruhn  
Meredith Brumm  
James Burgwald  
Adrienne Bynum  
Mitch Calabrese

Rudy Campbell  
Marc Campos  
Melissa Cappel  
John Carlson  
Kristina Carlson  
Daniel Carr  
Valerie Carrillo  
Paloma Castaneda

Juan Ceja  
Chris Cheng  
Katelyn Chowanec  
Arcfin Chowdhury  
Sarah Chowdhury  
Ruth Christopher  
Oscar Cisneros  
Nicoletta Coduti

Alex Cohen  
Jennifer Collinsworth  
Adam Cooper  
Stefan Coric  
Daniel Crough  
Kristina Cress  
Cher Crowder  
Jessica Cuadra

Kevin Curosh  
Sam Curtis  
Tashi Damjanovich  
Debarshi Das  
Cristal Del Real  
Samantha Dempsey  
Edward Detrayon  
Lino Dimas

Patrick Doherty  
Julianne Donahue  
Darrell Dortch  
Neil Doshi  
Tyler Drabentsov  
Andrew Drudge  
James Dublisch  
Marc Duda

IN THE COMFORT **ZONE**

**perfecting** plans During a Junior CEC meeting, James Burgwald and Sam Kasmark check the Prom guest list. "Being a junior added a lot more responsibility, especially planning Prom," Sam said.

**mix and match** Before class, Mary Bagget, junior, checks her outfit. "I didn't match," Mary said. "I liked different things. If they didn't go together, I didn't care."



**kill time** Laughing about the day's events, Anna Pycinska and Nikki Paken, juniors, talk in the commons. "Since freshman year I didn't lose friends, I just made new ones," Anna said.



Brandon Dutton  
Kyle Dytrych  
Caleb Edens  
Kelsey Ellingsen  
Jonathan Elvica  
Mona Elsalayneh  
Jenny Eskander  
Janee Evans

Thomas Fagan  
Abby Farkas  
Lenrow Felton  
Jeff Florek  
Alex Frakes  
Lauren Fuehnmeyer  
Amy Fubs  
Stephanie Gajewski

Sara Galante  
Crystal Garibay  
Jacob Gerber  
Carly Gibbs  
Edward Gier  
Nick Gillund  
Russell Gonzalez  
Brian Good

Zachary Goode  
Robert Gorman  
Stephanie Gorman  
Devin Gossberry  
Clarissa Gosciej  
Karen Gouwens  
Nikkia Graham  
Sophie Griggs

Kassia Groszewski  
Mimi Grozdianich  
Anna Guanzon  
Abel Gutierrez  
Ted Hack  
Kenny Hamilton  
Ted Hanak  
Stephanie Handlon

Gabe Harangody  
Billy Hasse  
Julie Hawkins  
Angela Hehn  
Kathryn Helfen  
Laura Henning  
Basil Herbeck  
John Heritage





# q&a

How has your attitude changed from your first year of high school?

“I was really nervous about older kids when I was a freshman. I felt like I was such a small kid. Now, I felt like nobody was gonna mess with me.”

Jack Standley,  
junior

“I had a lot more confidence in myself because I was an upper-classmen. I could tell younger kids what to do.”

Stephen Adams,  
junior

“I was excited to work hard freshman year. Then I was excited to be a senior. Just making it this far from kindergarten to now was exciting.”

Karen Larsen,  
junior

“I was so much nicer than when I was a freshman. I thought I was so tough. I was more mature as a junior. You could say I was a wise man.”

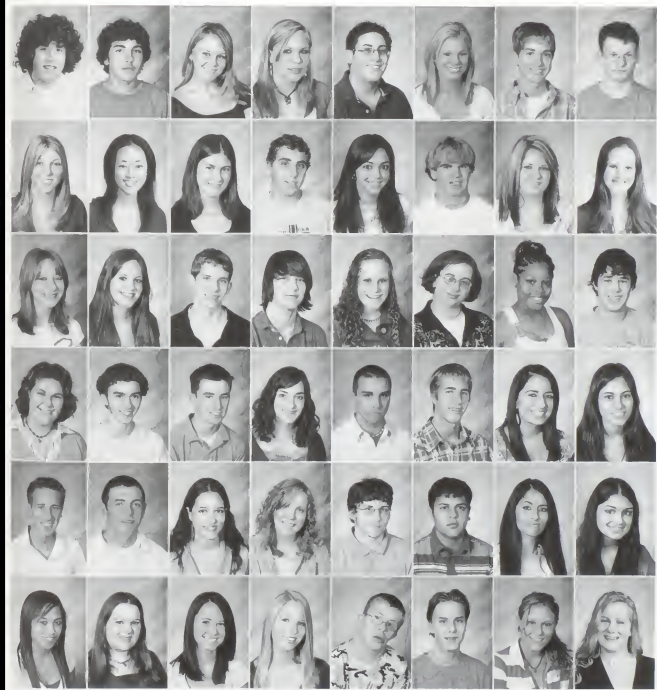
Bryan O'Hara,  
junior

“I was informed about school. Before, it seemed so big. The fact that a freshman asked me for help made me feel good that I could answer them.”

Amanda Puryear,  
junior

“I was intimidated by older people, but as a junior I was much more comfortable because friends set in. It made everything better because I knew they were going through everything with me.”

Kaitlin Hines,  
junior



Felipe Hernandez  
Harrison Hernandez/  
Lyndsey Hernandez  
Jessica Hilbrich  
Ron Hileman  
Kaitlin Hines  
Ethan Hirsch  
Mike Huska

Amanda Hoffman  
Nicole Hong  
Alex Hora  
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Courtney Huckaby  
Grant Huebner  
Jim Hunt  
Risa Hurwich  
Katie Isaacs  
Kameisha Jackson  
Joe Jamich

Julie Janis  
Andrew Johnson  
Mike Johnson  
Sarah Johnson  
John Jurkash  
Andrew Kaminski  
Natasha Kanal  
Pooja Kansal

Sam Kasmark  
Brett Keeler  
Kristina Keith  
Eleanor Kennedy  
Jared Kerzner  
Neil Keshvani  
Amber Khan  
Pooja Khatiwada

Kristine Kho  
Katie Kikalos  
Nora Kish  
Emily Kitchell  
Tim Kissner  
Mark Knight  
Ashlee Kolar  
Kelley Kooy

## THE DAILY GRIND

Rushed or organized, students fall into a morning routine before facing the 7-hour school day

### Alex Brajak, junior

- 7 a.m. wake up and shower
- 7:05 a.m. get dressed
- 7:10 a.m. go downstairs and eat breakfast
- 7:15 a.m. protein shake
- 7:20 a.m. pack lunch
- 7:25 a.m. leave for school

### Nicoletta Coduti, junior

- 6:15 a.m. wake up
- 6:20 a.m. shower
- 6:35 a.m. straighten hair
- 6:45 a.m. do make-up
- 6:55 a.m. get dressed
- 7:10 a.m. eat breakfast
- 7:20 a.m. leave for school

## q&a

On school days, what time did you wake up?

**6 a.m.**

Nicoletta Coduti, junior

**6:45 a.m.**

Pero Ugrizovich, junior

**6:55 a.m.**

Trevor Stuart, junior

**7 a.m.**

Kyle Stuart, junior

**wake up** Coming out of her early morning slupor, Alex Cohen, junior, studies for a U. S. History quiz she had that day. "Sometimes I'd be up so late that I'd wake up on top of my books," Alex said. "I would wake up early in the morning to finish it."



Jessica Korda  
Ann Koulianos  
Jackie Kovach  
Paulina Kozupa  
Rachel Krahn  
Miles Krasic  
Dan Kretz  
Megan Krueger

Charlie Krull  
Caleb Kurovski  
Pavel Kuzma  
Ashley Lair  
Mitch Lareck  
Karen Larsen  
Sara Larsen  
Lemalle Lavance

Breanne Lawler  
Sarah Lefkowsky  
Stephanie Lemas  
Justine Leonakis  
Brad Levan  
Kim Long  
Jeff Longawa  
Samantha Ludewyer

Judith Maddatu  
Yessenia Magana  
Mitch Malone  
Megan Mann  
Marcelina Manuel  
Sonny Marcesic  
Sam Marlyia  
Amm Marinakos

Nick Markovich  
Steve Markovich  
Dragoljub Martinovic  
Kelly Mashura  
Evan Maul  
Shannon McCarthy  
Walter McDonald  
Erin McIntyre

Megan McKechnie  
Laura McLaughlin  
Mallory McShane  
Allison Medina  
Jon Merritt  
Kari Michniewicz  
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# IN THE COMFORT ZONE

SENIORS JUNIORS SOPHOMORES FRESHMEN FACULTY



## TIPS FOR SAVING TIME

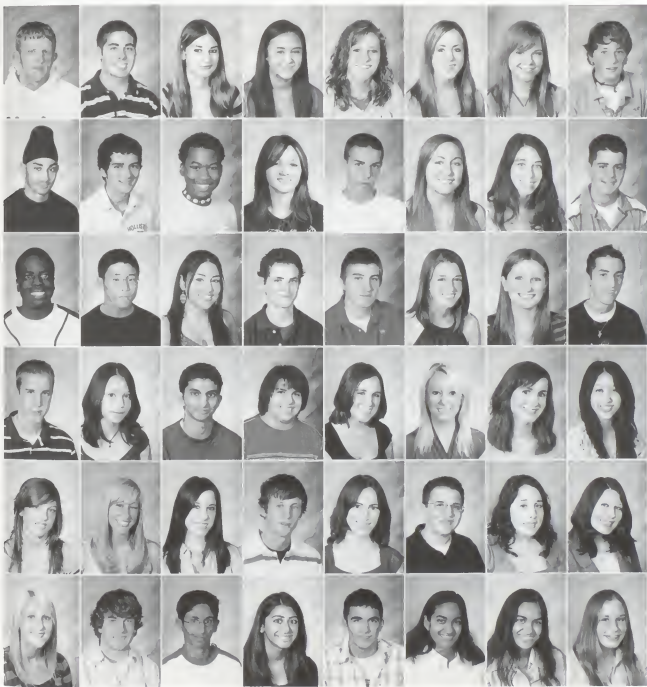
Stretched thin from tight schedules, students value time-saving techniques.

1. put on mascara at the stoplight
2. multi-task by reciting vocabulary words while getting dressed in the morning
3. talk on AIM and type out papers
4. work on math problems during commercials

### morning midst

Crouched against her locker, Stephanie Lemus, junior, studies during her morning session.

"I was more awake in the mornings," Stephanie said. "So waking up early for me was better than staying up late."



Brandon Miller  
Ryan Miller  
Anja Mitric  
Natalie Miyashiro  
Lizzy Monell  
Ashley Moore  
Alexandra Mora  
Nick Morelli

Gurpri Multani  
Brian Murphy  
Justin Newman  
Ivana Nigomir  
David Noonts  
Gina Novakovich  
Jennifer Novosel  
Peto Ogriozovh

Chike Okofocha  
Stephen Ong  
Elizabeth Ornelas  
Joe O'Brien  
Brian O'hara  
Kristen Pagane  
Nikki Pagan  
Nicholas Pantazis

Eric Papeash  
Lovelyn Pastrana  
Chingkumar Patel  
Ian Pavnick  
Jessica Peach  
Colleen Pearman  
Annie Pellicciotti  
Jennifer Peng

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Alana Phelan  
Michelle Philipborn  
Blake Platt  
Molly Pocomeck  
Kurt Popovich  
Claudia Portillo  
Amanda Puryear

Anna Pycinska  
Tim Qualls  
Talha Qureshi  
Nisha Raiker  
David Ramirez  
Anisha Rastogi  
Suchita Rastogi  
Kelly Rausch

IN THE COMFORT **ZONE****q&a**

What was your biggest goal to achieve junior year?

“My biggest concern for junior year was definitely the SAT and ACT tests. I took a lot of practice tests and studied for weeks.”

Katie Kikalos,  
junior

“I prepared a lot for the SAT. I studied every night for a month, took a prep class and took lots of practice tests. I knew my score would affect colleges’ decisions.”

Danny Alexander,  
junior

“I had been building my art portfolio all of my junior year. I spent a lot of time creating different paintings to submit to colleges.”

Megan Bonke,  
junior

“My biggest objective of junior year was balancing track and cross country with school. I either managed my time well or stayed up really late.”

Blake Williams,  
junior

“My junior year my main focus was balancing friends, extra curriculars, and all of my classes. I also had to focus a lot on SATs.”

Jessica Hilbrich,  
junior

“I took the SAT class and practice tests. Colleges really looked at those tests, not just the AP tests, so I wanted to do well.”

Trevor Bozich,  
junior

Jennifer Rasey  
Bailey Remec  
Brian Ritz  
Eric Robertson  
Ariana Rodriguez  
Jennifer Romano  
Alex Rosales  
Danielle Roy

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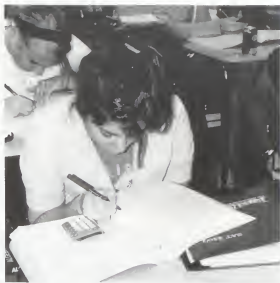






**laugh it up** Postering Mr. Paul Lafleur, Spanish teacher, Kathryn Wadas, junior, asks about the IU Honors program. "I begged Señor before I got my acceptance letter to see if he knew anything," Kathryn said.

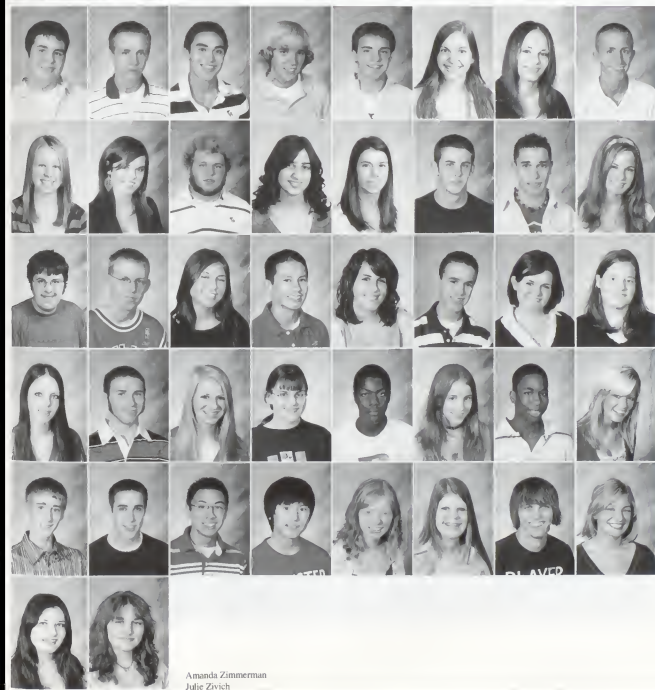
**eyes on the prize** To focus on the SAT practice test, Elizabeth Ornelas, junior, reads over the text. "My parents thought the class would help me," Elizabeth said. "It helped by teaching me different strategies."



## SURVIVAL GUIDE

To get through junior year, it takes more than just showing up on time to first hour

- ☐ SAT/ACT prep book
- ☐ caffeine fix
- ☐ food on the run
- ☐ study buddy



Marko Sretenovic  
Jack Standley  
Alex Stariba  
Trevor Stewart  
Nick Stoffregen  
Tabitha Strong  
Evelyn Strug  
Kyle Stuart

Samantha Tantillo  
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Corey Trimoli  
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Gilroy Velasquez  
Matie Velasquez  
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Michael Wey  
Molly White  
Lazarick Whitlock  
Debbie Wilczynski

Blake Williams  
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Nick Yi  
Meagan Yohtment  
Brittany Zehner  
Steve Zelenika  
Lindsey Ziemba

Amanda Zimmerman  
Julie Zivich

# ONE FOR ALL

Claiming the title of the largest class with 418 students, sophomores snatch the Most Spirited Class award during Homecoming Spirit Week

## q&a

What was your favorite spirit day?

“I really liked dressing up for the Decades Day because each year we got a better one and teachers were always so relaxed. We were just working our way up so that when we were seniors we’d get to have the best one, Senior Work Out Day.”

Kenn O’Drobinak,  
sophomore

“Class T-shirt Day was by far the best because it really showed how unified we were as a class. It was even better that we won being the most spirited class. That might have been because we were huge but it was just awesome seeing everyone wearing the same thing and yelling for our classmates during the pep rally.”

Stephanie Sepiol,  
sophomore

“I loved dressing up for Pirate Day. Seeing the costumes that people put together was fun. Some people went all out and bought things from costume stores but you could always find the person who just scrounged for a striped red and white shirt.”

Michelle Ratner,  
sophomore



Ryanne Abraham  
Michael Adams  
Alyssa Adcock  
Casey Aerts  
Jose Aguilar  
Alexandra Apoirre  
Guadalupe Alanis  
Nathan Alfano

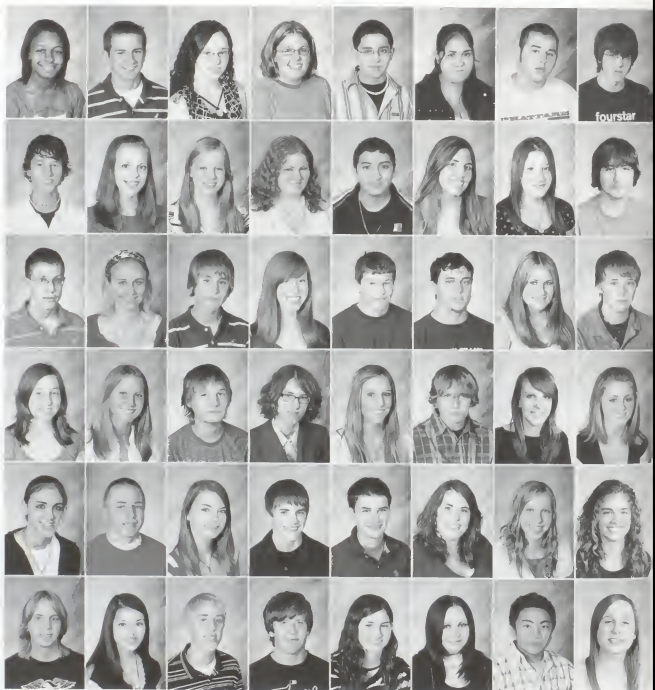
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Carli Bolanowski  
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Britney Breger  
Abbey Brokop  
Leah Brownalis

Nicholas Brown  
Cara Bruzan  
Austin Bubash  
Zachary Bucholtz  
Stephanie Bugzys  
Katherine Burns  
Tom Bustalino  
Danielle Cacich



**peace and love** Dressed as a hippie for Decades Day, Molly Tribou, sophomore, looks at the music of the song she

sang. "My friend Amanda and I dressed up for the day and walked around playing guitars and singing songs," Molly said.



**float on** With a push, Leah Brousalis and Ruzie Fisher, sophomores, stick tissue paper in the chicken wire for the Sophomore Class float. The float had a stuffed tuxedo and a squashed wildcat that represented Hammond High.



**wild wild west** Eating up the last bit of her Milky Way ice cream bar, Andrea Damore, sophomore, listens to her friends talk on Western Day. "I had a cowboy hat at home," Andrea said. "It was a really easy outfit to plan out."



Mark Cady  
Stephanie Campana  
Sandra Campos  
Stefan Canic  
Sara Cap  
Fernando Carvajal  
Javier Carvajal  
Karina Chavez

James Cherrier  
Mythili Chintamani  
Vincent Ciccone  
Matt Cipich  
Brice Clark  
Gregory Clark  
Taylor Compton  
Lindsay Conger

Phoebe Conner  
Jose Contreras  
Josh Cooper  
Vanessa Cordova  
Gabriela Comejo  
Kylie Corsiglia  
Andrew Covert  
John Crisman

Kindon Crowder  
Ryan Cusick  
Andrea Damore  
Sidarth Dasari  
Eric Debarge  
Jessica Deboer  
Allison DeGeorge  
Andrea Dell'acqua

Daya Devanathan  
Jessica Deyoung  
Tony Dicostanzo  
Scan Dillner  
Tanya Djoric  
Ariana Dremonas  
Cassandra Drillias  
Courtney Drobac

Mark Dye  
Margaret Eagan  
Lisa Ebel  
Michael Eden  
Tess Edvardsen  
Ashley Eiland  
Emily Ellison  
Adrian Eloisa

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## BEST FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Love it or hate it, being part of a family unit has its benefits

1. vacation during breaks  
Manny Lopez, sophomore
2. go out to eat because parents pay  
Graham Hanas, sophomore
3. go to professional sporting events  
Tessa McGuan, sophomore
4. party at the beach  
Greg Fehlau, sophomore
5. watch Nip/Tuck  
Micaela Ossanna, sophomore

**brotherly love** In the Commons after school, Tony Bissonette, sophomore, talks to his brother Adam Bissonette, senior. "We got along pretty well," Tony said. "We fought, but we have a lot in common."

**family time** After school, Leslie Prodes, sophomore, catches a ride from her mother. "We were close, especially over the summer," Leslie said. "In the summer we worked at the baseball park."



Elyse Estes  
Loren Estes  
Aaron Estrada  
Greg Fehlau  
Jeff Feliszak  
Daniel Filic  
Leigh Fimbianti  
Rizzie Fisher

Seth Flahaven  
Kaitlyn Flores  
Larry Ford  
Edward Fox  
Kyle Fox  
Andrew Frye  
Madison Gallegos  
David Garcia

Matt Gaskey  
Breanna Gates  
Matt Gehrig  
Amanda Gehring  
Sean Georgas  
Eric Gerber  
Joe Gill  
Phillip Gittens

Stephanie Gober  
Kayle Goksmith  
Jessica Gonsalves  
Matt Gonzalez  
Matt Goodman  
Adam Goodwin  
Gannon Grimmer  
Terry Grunewald

Brittany Guy  
Kim Hajdich  
Heather Hajduk  
Megan Hamnermeister  
Ryan Hamnermeister  
Jason Han  
Mitch Hanak  
Graham Hanas

Justin Hansel  
Ethan Hansen  
Marilyn Hansen  
Lindsay Hayes  
Grace Heaney  
Thomas Hecimovich  
Evan Heintz  
Mary Herald







## WORST FAMILY **ACTIVITIES**

Most students avoid uncomfortable situations involving family members

### 1. tell personal secrets

Sarah Roque,  
sophomore

### 2. see distant relatives at funerals

Sarah Ambry,  
sophomore

### 3. attend ethnic parties

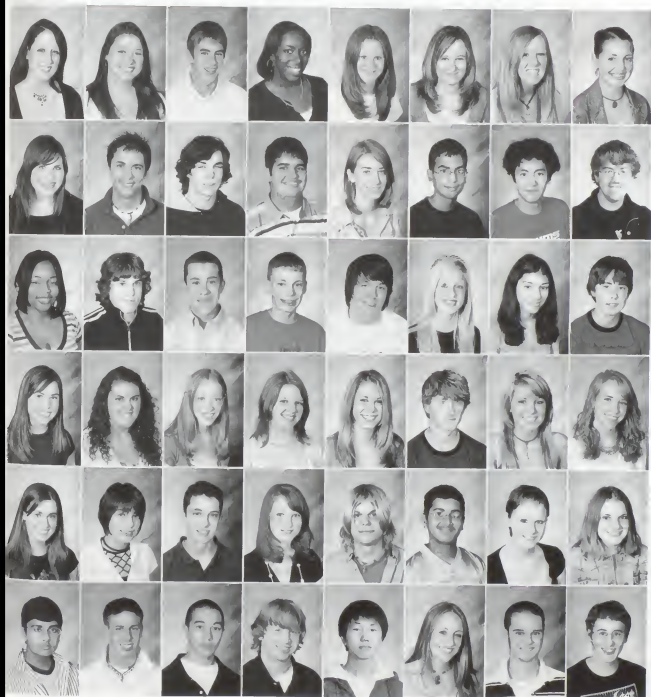
Robin Jiang,  
sophomore

### 4. being forced to listen to Harry Potter on tape when in the car

Jacob Tepperman,  
sophomore

### 5. going to the movies

Cara Bruzan,  
sophomore



Malissa Hernandez  
Sara Hernandez  
Billy Heuer  
Mary Hill  
Katie Hluska  
Taylor Hodges  
Lori Hoffmann  
Erin Hoti

Courtney Hoyle  
Jordan Huclaby  
Kevin Hughes  
Imran Husain  
Emily Imrich  
Sujay Jayakar  
Robin Jiang  
Doug Johnson

Ciara Jones  
Matthew Kaiser  
Kevin Kalemha  
Joshua Kaszkur  
Thomas Kenzel  
Kelly Kerner  
Aava Khatiwada  
David Kiesel

Laura Kinser  
Elle Kirby  
Jessica Kitchell  
Katie Kocsis  
Jessica Koetteritz  
Kevin Kooy  
Jill Koselke  
Sophie Koufos

Haroula Kouklakis  
Alexa Koulourides  
Mike Kozlowski  
Brianna Krajewski  
Shawn Kramer  
Nithin Krishnan  
Sara Krolak  
Kathryn Krull

Arijun Kumar  
Zachary Langbein  
Eric Larios  
Gregory Lautz  
Hea Dong Lee  
Taylor Lee  
Kurt Leeney  
Jake Lehmann

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## Playing the Strings

**Name:** Melissa Webber

**Instruments played:** Violin and cello

**When she started:** Cello at age 9 and violin at age 5

**Why she started:** Her sister played when she was younger. "I wanted to do everything my sister did," Melissa said.

**Hours of practice a week:** 14

**Music played:** All types

**Major Accomplishments:** She was a soloist in the Northwest Indiana Youth Orchestra

## Musically Inclined

**Name:** Doug Johnson

**When he started:** Third grade

**Why he started:** "My music teacher told me I had a good voice and that I should join choir," Doug said.

**Hours of practice a week:** Two, depending on the season and upcoming events

**Music played:** Madrigals for choir and Old Latin, "All Pre-American," according to Doug.

**Major accomplishments:** He was in the middle school choir and won a Young Singers award. He also was the Jester in the production *Once Upon a Mattress*.

## Guitar Hero

**Band Name:** Black 'N White

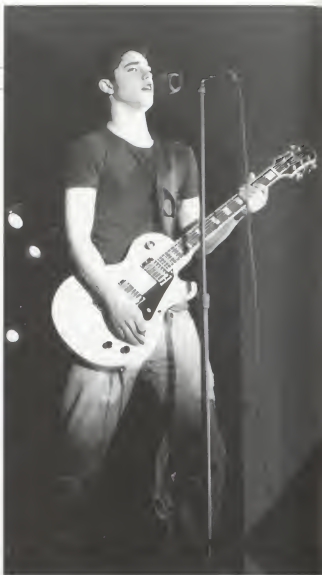
**Members:** sophomores Daniel Linnear, drums; Tony Bissonette, solo guitar and vocals; Kyle Corsiglia, bass guitar; Jordan Orr, rhythm guitar

**Hours of practice every week:** 12

**When the band formed:** Summer of 2005

**Music played:** Classic rock and originals

**Major Accomplishments:** Making Battle of the Bands and playing and writing their original songs. "We formed over the summer because we had nothing to do, we liked the same music, and it gave us a good reason to hang out all the time," Dan said.



Elizabeth Leslie  
Katelyn Lewandowski  
Brian Lewis  
Dan Linnear  
Donte Linton  
Noah Lipinski  
Jamie Livvy  
Joe Longawa

Brandon Lopez  
Gwendolyn Lopez  
Mamut Lopez  
Ray Lopez  
Albert Louis  
Jeff Lucas  
Andrew Mack  
Jill Magsaynay

Andrea Manchak  
Viraj Maniar  
Patricia Martin  
Joe Martinez  
Sarah Mathies  
Laura Matula  
Adam Mayer  
Emily Mazur

Jade McDonald  
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Michael McIntyre  
Patrick McIntyre  
Ryan McIntyre  
Alia Mechalekh  
Sam Metz





Greg Meyer  
Dan Meyers  
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Shawn Michel  
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Sean Miller  
Jordan Milne

Kathy Minton  
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Christian Moffitt  
Ashley Monos  
Melina Moreno  
Nick Morfas

Kylie Morris  
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Lana Muhrez  
Justin Mulesa  
Michele Murday

Annas Muehle  
Sarah Mustain  
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Dan Nootens

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Jessica Nowotny  
Rose Nowicki  
Rachel Nowinski  
Matt Noworyta  
Angelica O'Brien

Brianne O'Connor  
Ken O'Drohinak  
Jessica O'Hara  
Olumia Okolecha  
Fred Olasobikan  
Tanner Ollo  
Steve Ondo  
Nanik Oner

Adrian Ornelas  
Jordan Orr  
Martin Ortiz  
Micaela Ossanna  
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Ann Perz  
Michael Phillips

Demetrios Pitsas  
Ethan Poppa  
Amanda Porter  
Sarah Posey  
Leslie Poulos  
Stephanie Poulos  
Omar Prado  
Jordan Pressley

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## q&a

How did you celebrate your 16th birthday?

“I didn’t really do much for my birthday. In previous years I hadn’t ever done anything so I didn’t feel like changing. It was just another typical day with my family.”

Aaron Schwartz,  
sophomore

“I had a party downtown. I invited 80 people and we went to Star of Siam because my parents knew the owners. We ate and had a DJ, so we were dancing. I had a lot of fun.”

Sara Rasanimari,  
sophomore

**sweet 16** Chatting to friends in choir, Katy Minton, sophomore, plans out her birthday party. “I looked forward to that forever,” Katy said. “I could finally drive!”



Mike Padlow  
Mitch Pugh  
Matthew Pukoszek  
Kristen Pulley  
Tariq Quader  
Valen Ramirez  
Melissa Rangel  
Ambika Rao



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Michelle Rater  
Abhinav Ravi  
Nicole Raynor  
Samcra Raziuddin  
Chelsea Reed  
Alex Reindl  
Adam Rhoda



Roberta Ricchio  
Jennifer Ridder  
Shannon Riley  
Steven Riley  
Eric Roach  
Sarah Roberts  
Danica Rodriguez  
John Rogowski



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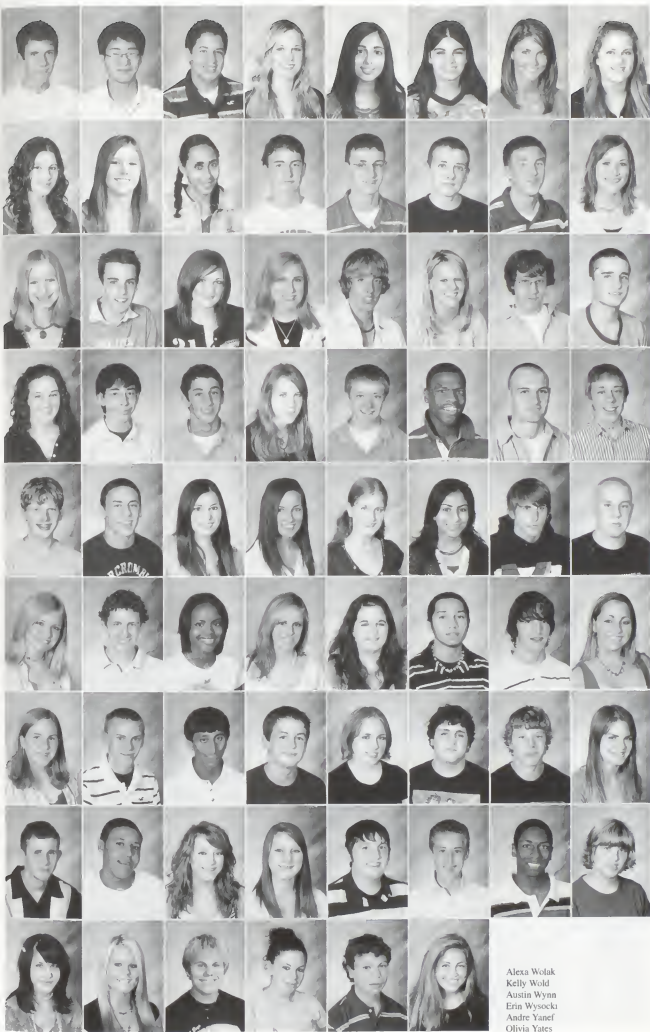
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Ben Varnum  
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Melissa Vetrano  
Jadd Villalobos  
Matt Vlasich  
Amy Vogel

Sarah Wachala  
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Adam White  
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James Willis  
Jordan Wojtowich

Alexa Wotak  
Kelly Wold  
Austin Wynn  
Erin Wysocki  
Andre Yanef  
Olivia Yates

# WITHIN THE LIMITS

## catch a ride

After waiting for 20 minutes, Behnoosh Kamali, freshman, finds a ride home. "It was inconvenient to sit and wait until my parents came," Behnoosh said. "Usually my sister drove me, but she had activities after school a lot."



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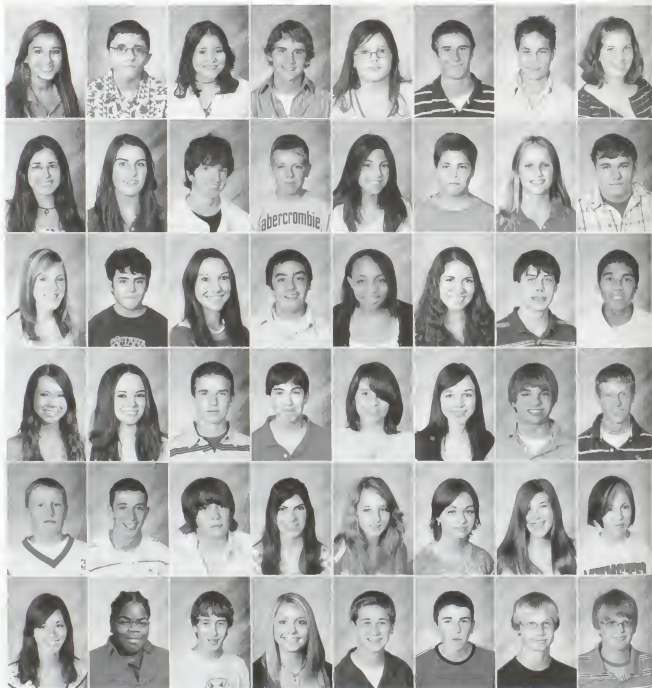
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Ellie Boston  
Brittney Boyd

Colleen Boyle  
Co-Juan Bradley  
Brandon Bragg  
Kristin Brajak  
Nick Brown  
Matthew Brozovic  
Joel Brumm  
Thomas Burgwald





**rain or shine** With clouds looming overhead, Jeff Feiszak, sophomore, and Eddie DeCero, freshman, attempt to

bike home in the September flood. "I've always ridden my bike," Eddie said. "It was fun and easy, even in the rain."



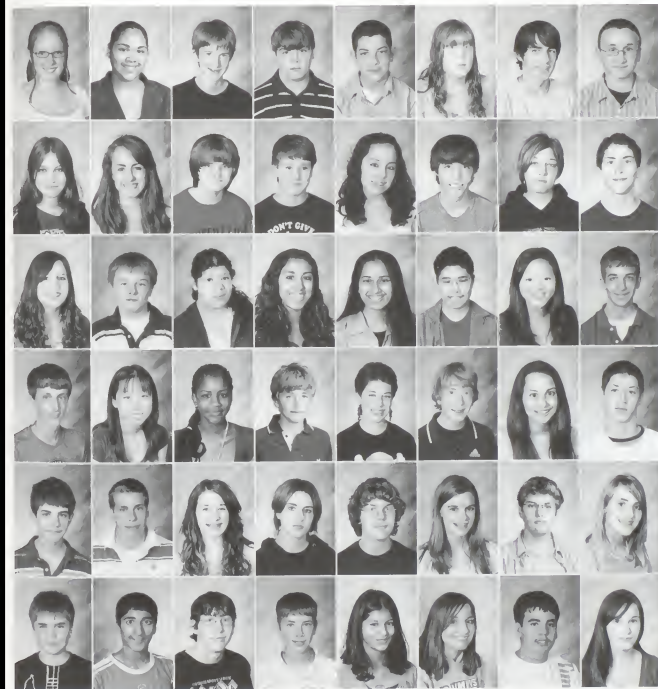
**243**  
freshmen rode  
the bus out of 616  
total bus riders

**stepping out**  
Ready for a day of school, Zachary Taylor, freshman, gets off the bus. "I had to wake up earlier to take the bus," Zachary said. "Every once in a while I would miss it and have to walk. I couldn't wait to drive."

## 5 WAYS TO GET AROUND TOWN

Without licenses, freshmen find alternative transportation to driving

1. parents
2. walk
3. bike
4. rides from friends or older siblings
5. skateboard or rollerblade



Ashley Burton  
Josie Bynum  
Stephen Cafmeyer  
Aaron Caldwell  
Tony Campana  
Sara Campbell  
Sava Canak  
Michael Cap

Alyssa Capizzani  
Deirdre Capriglione  
Kyle Carey  
Sean Carey  
Maritza Carlos  
Derek Carlson  
Shelby Carlson  
Adam Carroll

Erica Case  
Michael Caselton  
Jessica Castillo-Rivera  
Rachel Ceja  
Divya Chauhan  
David Chen  
Emily Chen  
Jacob Cherogan

Gerald Childs  
Yena Choi  
Reahna Christopher  
Quinn Cloghessy  
Rachel Colius  
Aaron Cooper  
Alexandra Coric  
Tommy Cotto

Alex Coyle  
Murray Crabtree  
Ellen Crilly  
Donna Crozier  
Samuel Cummings  
Kara Curosh  
Travis Dade  
Nina Damjanovich

Michael Damore  
Vivek Dasari  
Edward Decero  
Ricky Decker  
Kivita Dedania  
Corina Del Rio  
Jose Delgado  
Samantha Delgado

# WITHIN THE LIMITS

## Lending a hand

Reaching across the game board, Sarah Eldert, freshman, plays *Don't Wake Daddy* with her little sister, Olivia, while

babysitting. "I babysat whenever my parents asked me to," Sarah said. "It was easy money and fun to do. I didn't mind watching her at all."

## q&a

Why did you get a job at a younger age?

"I felt like working would give me a better sense of responsibility. I surprisingly made above the minimum wage, and I liked working at the FroYo because I got to see all my friends while I worked."

Jelena Grozdanich,  
freshman

"I babysat for kids down the street two or three times a week. I think it was more fun than a regular job because I got to take care of kids, played games and the time went by faster. Little kids were a handful when it came time for me to change their diapers."

Anneliese Hernandez,  
freshman



Cassandra Diederich  
Paige Dillman  
Alyssa Djuric  
Katie Dobis  
Karl Docoyanis  
Alexandria Doctor  
Michael Doherty  
Craig Dohman



Anna Dorn  
Michael Dovellos  
Kathlyn Doyle  
Mary Drzich  
Matthew Dublak  
Stephanie Duars  
Samantha Eanes  
Sarah Eldert



Robin Embee  
Elodie Enger  
Michael Ervin  
Mariana Esparza  
Patrick Fagan  
Khushayar Farhadi  
Matthew Farrell  
Ximena Fernandez-De-Co



Margarita Figueroa  
Ariel Fischer  
John Fissinger  
Robert Fleener  
Alexander Fleming  
Cullan Fleming  
Logan Flores  
Samantha Flynn



Karina Fonseca  
Kathryn Frakes  
Carrie Frank  
Whitney Freeman  
Brian Fullman  
Jillian Gadzala  
Jack Gallagher  
Fabian Garcia



Rosalba Garibay  
John Gaskill  
Max Gershman  
Justin Gill  
Rayneet Girm  
Ben Goldenberg  
Camille Gonzalez  
Jessica Goodrich







## service with a Smile

After making an Oreo flurry at FroYo, Jelena Grozdanic, freshman, passes over the order. "Flurries were annoying

to make because the ice cream got all over the place and I always got messy," Jelena said. Jelena began working at FroYo the summer of 2006.

# LABOR LAWS

State-mandated laws limit amount of hours students could work

## 14-15 year-olds

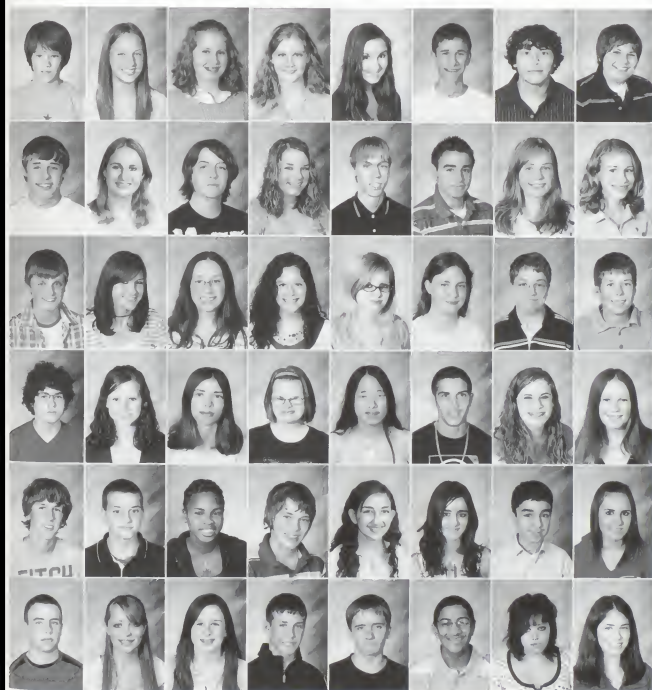
- Can work 3 hours on school days
- Can work 8 hours on non-school days
- Can work 18 hours per school week
- Can work 40 hours per non-school week
- Can't work before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Can work until 9 p.m. June 1 to Labor Day non-school days

## 16 year-olds

- Can work 8 hours on school days
- Can work 9 hours on non-school days
- Can work 40 hours per school week
- Can't work before 6 a.m. on school days
- End work at 10 p.m. on school nights
- End work at midnight on non-school days
- Can't work more than 6 days per week

## 17 year-olds

- Can work 8 hours on school days
- Can work 9 hours on non-school days
- Can work 40 hours per school week
- Can work 48 hours per non-school week
- Can't work before 6 a.m. on any day
- End work at 11:30 p.m. on school nights
- Can't work more than 6 days per week



Kyle Gouwens  
Natalie Gouwens  
Emma Grdina  
Julia Groszek  
Jelena Grozdanic  
Daniel Grubisich  
Adrian Gutierrez  
Marko Gvero

Matthew Hale  
Rachel Hannigan  
Michael Hanus  
Kristin Harker  
Miles Hastings  
Drake Hauilaire  
Madelyn Hedin  
Rachael Heimiger

Kevin Heinrich  
Margaret Heneghan  
Robyn Hennig  
Anneliese Hernandez  
Amanda Herr  
Mellisa Higgins  
Matthew Hirsch  
Christopher Hlebasako

Michael Hlita  
Rachel Hluska  
Lily Horneyer  
Kristen Hruska  
Shelby Hsiao  
Anthony Huard  
Allie Hurwich  
Grace Ispas

Thomas Jenkins  
Michael Jerge  
Alyse Johnson  
Daniel Johnson  
Behnoosh Kamali  
Shirin Kamalipour  
Nima Kamalipour  
Devon Kazmer

Taylor Kimes  
Lindsey Klischer  
Liz Klischer  
Travis Kmetz  
Gregory Kobus  
Neil Kondamuri  
Danielle Kostal  
Kristina Kovacech

## q&a

What do you wish you knew before you started freshman year?

“I suggest going to Orientation. It helped me find my classes before I came to school so I wasn't lost on the first day.”

Josh Van Kleek,  
freshman

“Run to lunch. The lines are always really long and since I was a freshman I couldn't cut, so I just had to get there early.”

Kristin Brajak,  
freshman

“I learned that you had to study a lot more for vocabulary tests than I did in middle school. I didn't know any of the words.”

Jill Leslie,  
freshman

**sitting pretty** Ducking out of the crowded hallway, Maritza Carlos and Michele Monagan, freshmen, arrive early to class. “I liked to go inside class early,” Maritza said, “it was less crowded then the hallways to hang out.”



Joseph Krupa  
Lesley Krzeskimski  
Lyndsey Kunz  
Hannah Karowski  
Jessica Kwaniewski  
Stephen Kwolek  
Petar Lalie  
Brittany Lapa



Christina Lee  
Melissa Lee  
Jill Leslie  
Brad Lewis  
Troy Lolkema  
Amanda Lopez  
Amy Lucas  
Andrew Lucas



Joshua Lukoshus  
Meagan Lynch  
William Mach  
Teresa Magallanes  
Angelina Maudie  
Taylor Marcus  
Joanna Marinakos  
Robert Marini



Brigid Marriot  
Alexander Martell  
Matthew Martin  
Joseph Matz  
Brittany Maul  
Lauren McGill  
Mark McKechnie  
Matthew McNicholas



Kara McShane  
Kaitlyn McInder  
Andy Mendoza  
Marisa Meneghini  
Kathryn Merritt  
Cody Michiewicz  
Nikola Mileusnic  
Katie Miller



Kristie Miller  
Garrett Mintz  
Shane Miraglia  
Christopher Mitchell  
Renee Miyashiro  
Michele Monagan  
Victoria Montejano  
Nicole Montella





**before the bell** Eyes buried in her textbook, Bailey Voss, freshman, sits with classmates before the first bell rings. "I saved homework for the morning, so I didn't have to stay up as late," Bailey said. "Plus, it was fun to talk to friends."



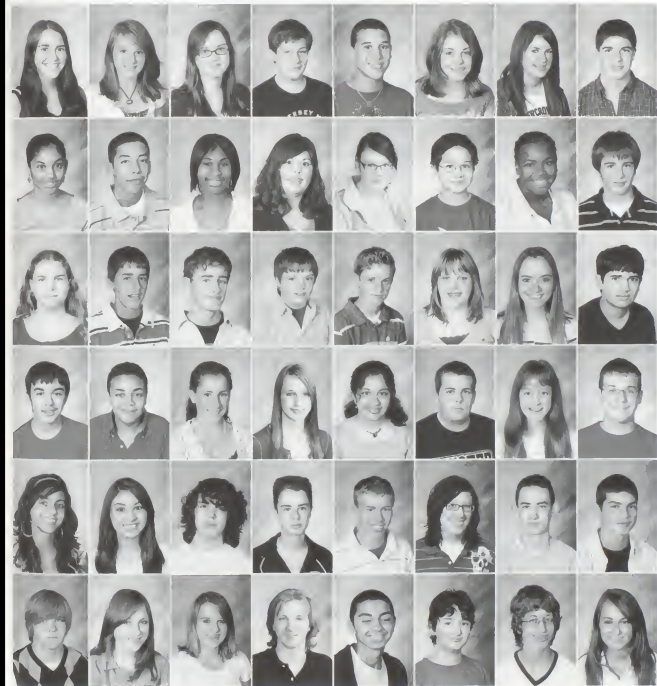
# WITHIN THE LIMITS

## 6 WAYS TO SURVIVE FRESHMAN YEAR

As freshmen leave their mark in school, they learn what or who to avoid from advice, experience and upperclassmen's examples

- 1. Arrive early to class**  
Sheldon Suggs, freshman
- 2. Always get dressed up**  
Ellie Boston, freshman
- 3. Know what classes or teachers to avoid**  
Mary Drisch, freshman
- 4. Plan out a route around the school**  
Rachel Heiniger, freshman
- 5. Come early in the morning**  
Taylor Marcus, freshman
- 6. Know the seniors' names**  
Courtney Zotos, freshman

SENIORS JUNIORS SOPHOMORES FRESHMEN FACULTY



Tammy Montella  
Eria Montgomery  
Lindsay Moore  
Paul Moran  
Keifer Morgan  
Rachel Morrow  
Makaela Moyer  
Hunter Muckel

Ravinder Multani  
Angel Murillo  
Tiffani Myer  
Kellie Nadrotowski  
Christine Nau  
Joseph Navarro  
Jordan Newman  
Vincent Newton

Gail Oesterle  
Alexander Ostioch  
Ryan Otto  
Kyle O'Brien  
Patrick O'Brien  
Katie Palmer  
Danielle Panozzo  
Rushi Parikh

Alexander Purobek  
Antonio Paoos  
Christina Pasyk  
Holly Patton  
Heena Patwar  
Daniel Paulson  
Lauren Pazik  
Dustin Pendrick

Dezera Penning  
Karina Perez  
Benjamin Perkins  
Milan Petrovich  
Michael Phipps  
Lorissa Pietruszka  
Brandon Pluard  
Matt Poulos

Alexander Powell  
April Pranske  
Gabrielle Pressley  
Kyle Pucalik  
Steven Quiroz  
Ryan Radcliff  
Armando Ramirez  
Dominique Ranieri

# WITHIN THE LIMITS

**two of a kind** Glancing at his sister Veronica, senior, Jose Delgado, freshman, teases her before speech class. "It was weird to be in the same class as my sister," Jose said. "We did well, but she did better."

**watch and learn** Arm to arm with his older brother before a meet, Patrick Raycroft, freshman, watches his team warm up. "I looked up to him my entire life," Patrick said. "I tried to follow his footsteps."



## q&a

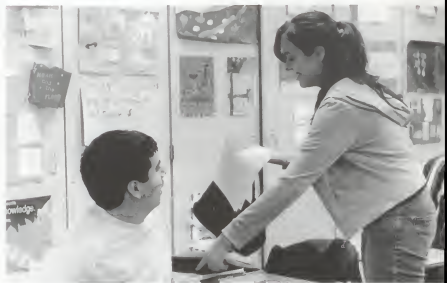
**How are you compared to your older sibling?**

“Some teachers who used to have my siblings said I had a lot of the same characteristics as them. I didn’t mind being compared because everything they said was positive.”

Amanda Herr, freshman

“I was compared to my brother Joe, in my classes and in sports. I didn’t like being compared to him because we were two different people. I tried to be more outgoing and more involved in the school.”

Patrick O’Brien, freshman



Gabrielle Rapin  
Patrick Raycroft  
Sophia Raziuddin  
Christopher Reba  
Nicole Reinsma  
Clarke Remmers  
Thomas Rindoks  
Kyle Ritz



Chelsea Roach  
Robert Roach  
Angel Robles  
Camille Rodriguez  
Nicole Rodriguez  
Amanda Rogers  
Jennifer Rooth  
Kristi Roser



Sarah Rosser  
Taylor Roy  
Samantha Rymus  
Robert Sakelaris  
Alyssa Salata  
Leslie Salisbury  
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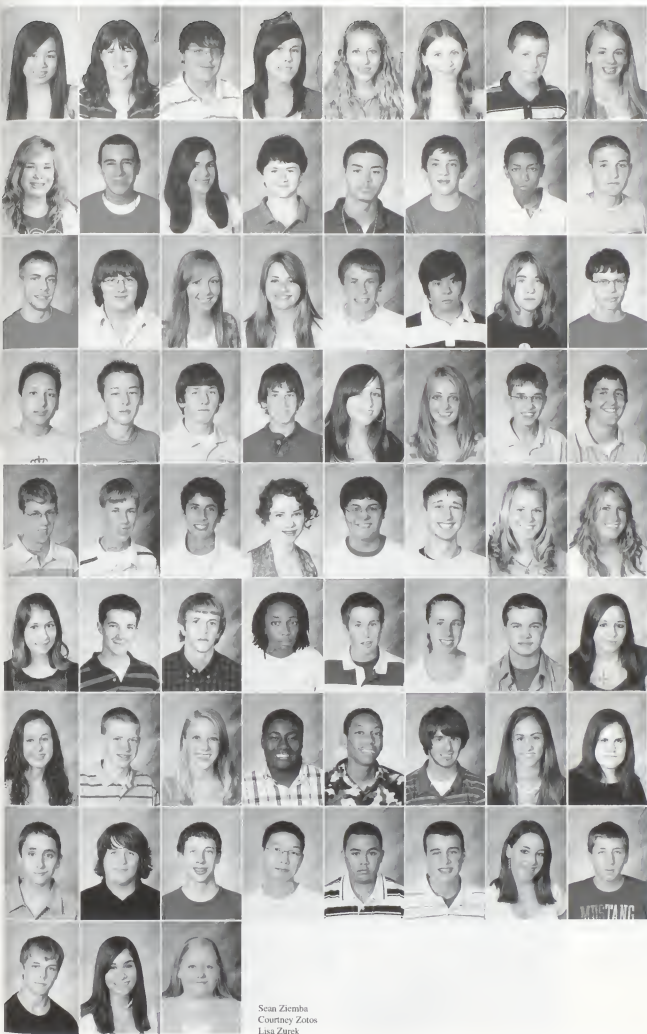
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Kelly Schlotman  
Ellen Schwarz  
Molly Scott  
Danielle Scully  
Anup Segu  
Jessica Seligman  
Vanessa Sepiol



Niyati Shah  
Reema Shah  
Julia Shlensky  
Michael Siano  
Christopher Scinski  
Ruha Siddiqui  
Sarah Sikora  
Katie Silaj







Jennifer Silverman  
Sarah Skerick  
Matthew Skihu  
Allison Skimehorn  
Kristen Slabowski  
Andrea Slankowski  
Justin Slosser  
Emily Speckman

Kelli Spurlock  
Mason Stanczewski  
Kristen Starcevic  
Josh Steinberg  
Matthew Stephens  
Ryan Stiffler  
Sheldon Suggs  
Alex Surma

Ian Svoboda  
Zachary Swetlik  
Deanna Sylvestor  
Danielle Szumdas  
Dylan Tabor  
Richard Tabor  
Zachery Taylor  
Evan Tomczak

Raquel Torres  
Tetsuo Toyama  
Grant Traxler  
Zakk Tritsch  
Emily Turner  
Ines Tzolov  
Joshua Van Kleeck  
Alexander Vasic

Bennie Vassallo  
Michael Vassallo  
Zach Vega  
Hannah Vernier  
Glen Veyette  
Alex Vlahu  
Bailey Voss  
Courtney Wagner

Kehey Wanda  
Kyle Ware  
Kevin Watterson  
Austin Wayne  
Simon Webb  
Lexi Westerfield  
Brandon White  
Sarah Whiting

Stacey Wierman  
Ryan Wilkinson  
Lainey Williams  
Joseph Willis  
Joshua Willis  
Elijah Wilson  
Mallory Wosotsky  
Chloe Witter

Joshua Wojcik  
Bogusz Wozniak  
Joseph Wulf  
Hao Ye  
Adrian Yopez  
Joshua Yokovich  
Krista Zagar  
Tomasz Zembrowski

Sean Ziemba  
Courtney Zotos  
Lisa Zurek

# BEYOND THE DESK

## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

When you had free time, how did you use it?

"I golfed, read and went to the movies. I liked to play with my new grandson. I visited my sons in New York and Chicago. I also watched my husband's games. He refereed Big 10 football games. I also worked in my garden and kept expanding it and added new pathways."

Mrs. Renee Kouris,  
English teacher

"I had a random collection of things, and I liked to archive information on almost anything."

Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb,  
French teacher

"I liked spending time with my friends and family. We liked going out to dinner and going shopping."

Miss Sarah Szarmach,  
history teacher

"I took my son out to dinner and spent time teaching him how to play baseball. When I had time, I golfed. I golfed and watched as much History or Discovery Channels as I could. I knew it was nerdy."

Mr. Steve Lopez,  
history teacher

piece of pie At the Homecoming Pep Session, Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas, principal, disposes of the whip cream from the Pie-in-the-Face contest. Mr. Tripenfeldas got pied to raise money for breast cancer research in memory of former English teacher Mrs. Jody Weiss. Wearing his helmet, Mr. Marc Lehnener, prepares to be pied. "My Honors World Literature class was mad at me for the Odyssey Test," Mr. Lehnener, "So they put my name in for the contest."



Ms. Christine Barajas: Westlake Aide  
Ms. Denise Barajas: Westlake Aide  
Dr. Timothy Bartlett: Vocal Music Director, Music Department representative, Ensembles Director, Musical Director  
Mrs. Laura Bonaguro  
Mr. Larry Brechner: Theater Department

Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide  
Mrs. Jenny Bulla: English, Speech Coach, Junior CEC  
Mr. Brian Clark: Dean, Head Boys' Golf Coach, Ass't Football Coach  
Mr. Jim Davidson: Industrial Technology, Girls' Golf Coach, Ass't Girls' Basketball Coach  
Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Lifesaving

Mrs. Carrie Diombala: Non-educational Aide  
Mrs. Therese Dristas: English, Technology Resource Coordinator  
Mrs. Michelle Duffy: English, Girls' Cross Country Coach, Ass't Girls' Track Coach  
Mrs. Christina Angle: Westlake Education  
Mr. Carl Fields: Art

Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor  
Mr. Don Fortner: Economics, Social Studies Dept. Chair, Speech and Debate Coach, Ass't Girls' Volleyball Coach  
Mrs. Rachel Garrett: Westlake Interpreter  
Mr. Michael Gordon: Government, We the People, Debate Coach  
Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry





Mrs. Laura Guill: English, French  
 Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Outdoor  
 Education, Head Boys' Basketball Coach  
 Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance Office  
 Secretary  
 Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Media  
 Arts, *Paragon*, *Crier*, Quill and Scroll  
 Miss. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry

Mr. Larry Hautzinger: Physics, Geometry,  
 Ass't Boys Swim Coach  
 Mr. Arthur Haverstock: Biology  
 Mr. Josh Herold: Social Studies  
 Mr. John Huber: U.S. History, English  
 Mrs. Dessie Kammer: Guidance  
 Counselor

Mrs. Deb Kelley: Main Office Secretary  
 Mrs. Anne Kinser: Auditorium Secretary  
 Mrs. Renee Kouris: English, Technical  
 Theatre, Drama  
 Mrs. Carol Kozlowski: Westlake Aide  
 Mr. Marc Lehnner: English Dept. Chair,  
 Junior CEC

Mrs. Linda Lemon: English  
 Mr. Kent Lewis: Business, DECA  
 Mrs. Elena Lopez: Art  
 Ms. Jennifer Luksich: Spanish  
 Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education

Ms. Andja Marich: Assistant Principal  
 Ms. Twila Marsh: Media Specialist,  
 Student Government  
 Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb: French, French  
 Club  
 Mr. Rob McCall: English, Ass't Varsity  
 Football Coach,  
 Mrs. Eileen Meier: German, German  
 Club

Mr. Chris Miller: Social Studies  
 Mrs. Julie Moore: Business  
 Ms. Teresa Needles: Westlake Education  
 Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Secretary  
 Mrs. Kathy Olivotto: Guidance  
 Counselor

# BEYOND THE DESK

FACULTY FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES JUNIORS SENIORS

## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

What was one of your interests or hobbies that the students did not know about?

“I enjoyed working on my house. It was a single floor with three bedrooms. I remodeled it, redid the floors, painted, built cabinets and fixed the plumbing. I also worked on my 75 Corvette. I rebuilt or modified the motor and did major repair on the transmission. I liked roadtrips and trying new restaurants.”

Mr. Joe Sokol,  
math teacher

“I collected all kinds of pig statues. My kitchen and bathroom were covered with them. I always liked pigs, I had the whole nine yards.”

Mrs. Linda Lemon,  
English teacher

“I liked to clog dance. I took dance classes when I was little and I started to clog dance when I was five. In the summer, I enjoyed waterskiing and wakeboarding. The cute lifeguards persuaded me to try it, and I loved the thrill.”

Miss Jenny Bulla,  
English teacher

“I collected Notre Dame football programs. I had over 100, one worth \$500. It was the most expensive because it was from 1926 when Newt Rockne was the coach.”

Mr. Bruce Curme  
physics teacher

“I ran and lifted weights, each day I alternated. When the weather got nice, I liked to golf. I bike rode with Mr. Gandolfi. He kicked my butt and I had to tell him to slow down and not go so fast.”

Mr. Kent Lewis,  
business teacher

Mrs. Valerie Pflum: Math, Senior Class, National Honor Society, Ping Pong Club, Ass't Girls' Soccer Coach  
Mrs. Jackie Podkul: Math, Sophomore Class sponsor  
Mrs. Pat Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Math Department chair  
Mrs. Brooke Rastovsky: English  
Mrs. Sarah Ribar: Family and Consumer Science

Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Family and Consumer Science  
Mr. David Russell: English, Creative Writing  
Mrs. Judy Sayre: Westlake Aide  
Mrs. Carol Schoen: Guidance Counselor  
Mrs. Lynn Schumacher: American Sign Language, American Sign Language Club

Mrs. Leah Shanahan: Westlake Aide  
Mrs. Georgia Sherman: Audio Visual Media Secretary; Athletics Secretary  
Mr. Bob Shinkan: Geometry, Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach, Ass't Varsity Football Coach, Ass't Girls' Basketball Coach  
Mr. Michael Signorelli: English  
Mrs. Barb Simmons: Westlake Aide

Mr. Mike Smith: Athletic Director  
Mr. Bill Smitka: Economics, U.S. Government  
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Freshman Class  
Mrs. Michelle Stan: Social worker  
Miss Alicia Stein: Math, Academic Teams







**shaken up** After a soccer game, Boys' Soccer Head Coach Jim Prasapolous, Westlake teacher, jokes around with Stephan Couric, junior. "There was a time for instruction and a time for joking around," Coach Prasapolous said. "The main thing I stressed with my team was to have a positive attitude and work as a team."

"I enjoyed doing garden work and going to restaurants with foreign foods. I bicycled. I would put it on my car and take it to go bike riding along the lakefront in Chicago."

Mr. Paul LaReau,  
Spanish teacher

"I played soccer on a couple women's teams and worked in my yard gardening. I liked to do Sudoku for fun. I did one a day on my email and in the newspaper."

Mrs. Valerie Pflum,  
math teacher

"I loved to read and shop but during the school year there wasn't much time. I traveled in the summer. I liked to cook ethnic dishes. My favorites were pirogues and lasagna."

Mrs. Patricia Premetz,  
math teacher

"I went skydiving. It was great. I got a video of my perfect landing. I used it to explain terminal velocity when I taught physics. I also sang in a church choir."

Mr. Jeff Graves,  
chemistry teacher



Mr. Corky Stopper: Non-educational Aide

Mrs. Rita Stopper: Media Aide

Miss Sarah Szarmach: AP U.S. History, Student Government, Ass't Girls' Track

Mrs. Janel Tobias: Science, Boys' and Girls' Diving Coach

Mr. Christopher Tomcsi: Math

Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Principal

Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish, Foreign Language Department chair

Mr. Donald Ullman: Chemistry

Miss Lisa Valent: Math

Miss Beth Vesa: Algebra, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Head Girls' Softball Coach

Miss Sarah Vicari: Biology

Mrs. Jan Watson: Westlake Education

Mr. Jonas Wertin: English, World Literature, Senior Composition

Mr. William Woods: Band, Marching Band

Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Geometry, Computer Programming

Mr. Don Zeller: Assistant Principal



**Academic Team** (front row) Elissa Moll, Surbhu Agarwal, Kavita Dedania, Abhinav Ravi, Vivek Dasari, Stephen Ong, Talha Qureshi, Sam Mardyla (second row) Rachel McMahon, Nicole Hong, Lauren Hudak, Ines Tzolov, Kristina Anderson, Neil Doshi, Anup Segu, Brian Lewis, Neil Keshvani (third row) Dakota Thompson, Matt Lipinski, Larry Amok, Andrew Johnson, Nathan Krohn, Sujay Jayakar, Robin Jiang, Viraj Maniar, Buddy Becker, Austin Peck (fourth row) Chris Kneilly, Mitch Hanak, Rohan Warier, Akash Rusia, Neal Shah, Ankur Dedania, Matthew Thompson, Joe Raycroft, Ben Taylor (back row) Jeff Chou, Sidarth Dasari, John-Michael Mulesa, Imran Hussain, Patrick Speranza, Eric Anderson, Jon Sobilo, Jon Merritt

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Art Club  
Auditorium staff  
Band  
Band, Jazz  
Band, Pep

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CEC, Sophomore  
CEC, Junior  
CEC, Senior  
Color Guard  
Crier  
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French Club  
German Club  
National Honor Society  
Orchestra  
Paragon  
Project X

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SADD  
Spanish Club

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Speech and Debate  
Student Government  
Theatre Company  
Thespians

### Academic Team

- president Lauren Hudak, senior; vice president Eric Anderson, junior
- Miss Shonna Siegers, sponsor
- 60 members
- "We placed for the first time in State Environment." Ms. Siegers

### African Drum and Dance Ensemble

- Dr. Timothy Bartlett, sponsor
- 20 members
- "The dancers learned two dances instead of one, and the drummers had to learn a new piece. No one ever realized how complicated it was." Dr. Bartlett

### American Sign Language

- presidents Mike Kono-pasek, Alexis Jeter, Krytina Liput, seniors; vice presidents Berlyn Boswell, Katie Szafasz, seniors
- Mrs. Lynn Schumacher, sponsor
- 30 members
- "The purpose of ASL was to have activities and provide educational opportunities beyond the classroom concerning the deaf culture, language, lifestyle and activities." Mrs. Schumacher

### Art Club

- president Rachel McMahon, senior; vice president Jake Krismanick, senior
- Mrs. Sandy Koslowski, sponsor
- 30 members
- "The fact that we got ceramic masks and painted them was amazing." Rachel McMahon, senior



**African Drumming** (front row) Bridget Parker, Chan Huynh (second row) Jelena Grozdanic, Alex Hora, Christina Rizk, Arelk Warjabedian, Rachel McMahon, Sam Torres, Morgan Midkiff (back row) Leah Koslowski, Danielle Troumoularis, Na'ani Raveio, Patrick Speranza, Tanner Otto, Maya Zaragoza, Alyssa Larimer



**American Sign Language** (front row) Berlyn Boswell, Alexis Jeter, Krystina Liput, Michael Kono-pasek, Katie Szafasz (second row) Mrs. Schumacher, Taylor DellaRocco, Alyssa Hruskocy, Jesse Osegbede, Meghan Rush, Sonya Vasic (third row) Jenny Eskander, Adriana Weichman, Karlin Ritchie, Alex Cohen, Katlin Hines, Sam Mardyla, Jenna Tritesch, Natasha Kanal, Courtney Basile (fourth row) Kelly Rauch, Ashley Arenas, Sam Torres, Alex Hora, Val Alvarez, Jessica Alvarez, Jessica Pench, Christina Ruk, Jordana Botin (back row) Emily Solja, Aubrey Gilbert, Jeff Reuter, Matt Vasquez, Pat Pohre, Mihai Patel, Bret Kat, Matt Jones, Jennifer Ramano



**Art Club** (front row) Rachel Nowinski, Risa Nowinski, Elissa Moll, Marcelina Manuel, Brittany Mail, Sarah Flick (second row) Reema Shah, Sophia Razuddin, Chakori Macherita, Asha Siddiqui, Ummita Sadaf, Leslie Poudis, Morgan Midkiff, Nikki Graham, Grace Heaney (third row) Austin Peck, Cristian Vanko, Jackie Boyle, Carl Bolanowski, Alex Wolak, Rachel McMahon, Cecilia Huang, Brian Faltman (back row) Christian Arteaga, Matt Gehrig, Jacob Krismanick, Adam Bobeck, Lentrone Felton, Joshua Van Kleek, Mary Carp, Kassia Groszewski, Adam Cooper



**Auditorium Staff** (front row) Paul Bainbridge, Mary Sandrick, Katie Verkyrys, Alex Reindl, Kaitlyn Melder, Eric Roach, Katherine Bobeck (second row) Kathryn Krull, Melissa Lee, Melissa Rapp, Britney Breyer, Janelle Boudreau, Morgan Midkiff, Brian Lewis, Brandon Lopez (third row) Kate Groszewski, David Kiesel, Maria Bacoyannis, Mary Carp, Justin Mulesa, Danielle Cadden, Drew Frye (back row) Bernice Vassallo, Adam Bobeck, Eric Robertson, Pat Pohre, Adam Goodrich, Nicholas Van Wieren, Kim Wiers, Hunter Mueckel



**Auditorium Staff 2 (front row)** Stephanie Bugis, Lauren Aguilar, Allison Newman, Kellie Nadatowski, Katie Palmer, Sarah Flick **(back row)** Bethany Borgo, Marilyn Hansen, Rachel Hannigan, Jacob Cheroan, Stephanie Sepos, Katie Franklin



**Band, Marching (front row)** Corinne Stafford, Heather Ballard, Brian Schmidt, Melissa Rangel, Mary Sandrick, Sheldon, Suggs, Joey Bonessa, Tom Rindoks, Leann Sikora, Danielle Cacich **(second row)** Julie Janis, Jacob Cheroan, Kevin Koo, Daniel Linnear, Danny del Real, James Willis, Doug Johnson, Justin Mulesa, Arjun Kumar, Sean Tomazin, Marry Lopez **(third row)** Philip Bernardi, Mike Cummins, Jordan Milne, Joseph Willis, Sara Larsen, Kim Wiers, Amanda Bacoyanis, Kassia Groszowski, Tyler Drabensot, Michael Curran **(fourth row)** Brendan Schweitzer, Bryan Lee, Kyle Pucall, Bogusz Wozniak, Karl Bacoyanis, Steven Taylor, Mitch Bruhn, Robert Gorman, Caleb Kuroski, Alexander Kevin, Felipe Hernandez **(back row)** Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Matt Kuehn, Dan Umlauf, Jovan Andjelich, John-Michael Mulesa, Kim Hajduch, Patrick Speranza, Dan Carr, Matthew Pukosz, Mitchell Shlensky



**Band, Marching (front row)** Stephanie Bugis, Sarah Skurtz, Lindsay Moore, Andrea Slankowski, Anisha Rastogi, Andrea Dell'Aquila, Bridget Parker, Lovelyn Pastana, Megan Yothmeti, Neylan Pocastick, Siachta Rastogi, Erin Montgomery **(second row)** Jason Pastana, Robyn Heung, Patrick Raycroft, Daniel Bagan, Filian Hirsch, Rachel Colan, Divya Chaulan, Katie Palmer, Nicole Trembl, Mandy Herr, Melissa Cippio, Brigid Marrott **(third row)** Kara Keren, Abby Farkas, Joshua Willis, Ricky Decker, Larissa Pietruska, Owen Lopez, Eric Neiner, Carrie Frank, Renae Koo, Ellen Schwarz **(fourth row)** Val Camillo, Katie Verkey, Jackie Boyle, Aava Khatwada, Alison Bergmann, Marc Campos, Tessa McGuinn, Stephanie Sepos, Alex Rendt **(back row)** Katelyn Wadas, Nicole Reusma, Danielle Scumlas, Jordan Newman, Molly Posazak, Arana Rodriguez, Kelly Rausch, Melissa Lee, Paul Bainbridge, Michelle Ballard, Danielle Panozzo



**Band, Jazz (front row)** Robert Gorman, John-Michael Mulesa, Marc Campos, Jovan Andjelich, Daniel del Real **(second row)** Stephanie Handlon, Heather Loden, George Samaan, Jacob Cheroan **(third row)** Stephanie Bugis, Amanda Bacoyanis, Patrick Speranza, Katie Anderson, Joshua Willis **(back row)** Mary Sandrick, Tyler Drabensot, Bryan Lee, Patrick Raycroft

## Auditorium Staff

- technical director David Van Wieren, senior, production managers Mary Carp and Katie Franklin, seniors; executive committee Kurt Popovich, junior
- Mr. Larry A. Brechner, sponsor
- 60 members
- "We operated little as a club and more as an organization. Our schedule increased from 30 to 70 events and included more outside events."
- Mr. Brechner

## Band, Marching

- Mr. Bill Woods, sponsor
- 120 members
- "Each year we did different parades like 4th of July and Homecoming. The Wizard of Oz parade was different, and we were caught off guard because it was a mile shorter than what we were used to doing."
- Mr. Woods

## Band, Jazz

- Mr. Bill Woods, sponsor
- 20 members
- "The main purpose of Jazz Band was to teach jazz education and get out and perform. The majority of members also participated in pit ensemble for Mame, the spring musical."
- Mr. Woods

## Band, Pep

- Mr. Bill Woods, sponsor
- 56 members
- "The Pep Band was always kind of odd, but it was exciting to be able to play for the Valparaiso game because the whole gym was packed and everyone was on their feet"
- Mr. Woods



**Band, Pep (front row)** Marc Campos, Eric Neiner, Sean Tomazin, James Willis, Joey Bonessa, Amanda Bacoyanis, Manny Codoz **(second row)** Justin Mulesa, George Samaan, Danielle Cacich, Joseph Willis, Jacob Cheroan, Julie Janis, Jordan Milne, Kassia Groszowski **(third row)** Kim Wiers, Caleb Kuroski, Robert Gorman, Tyler Drabensot, Steven Taylor, Matthew Pukosz, Dan Carr **(back row)** Kim Hajduch, Karl Bacoyanis, Dan Umlauf, Jovan Andjelich, John-Michael Mulesa, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Patrick Speranza, Bryan Lee

## MONEYMAKERS

In order to sponsor group activities or raise money for charities, clubs organized a variety of fundraisers

1. Homecoming Chicken Barbecue Speech and Debate raised \$21,000
2. Battle of the Bands and "M-Town" T-shirt sales Student Government earned over \$3,000 to donate towards Riley Children's Hospital
3. Two ice cream socials SADD raised about \$950
4. Sold paper shoes to support the Multiple Sclerosis walk Project X raised \$79 for the walk
5. Bake Sale National Honor Society earned about \$300

## Peak Season

Though activities operate year-round, each club has a period when its members devote the most amount of time

	September	Theatre Company
October	November	Theatre Company
German Club	January	Debate
December	February	Paragon
Debate	March	Pep band
Jazz Band	April	Speech
Mixed Ensemble	Academic Team	DECA
Women's Ensemble	Mixed Ensemble	Junior CEC
	Paragon	Speech
	Theatre Company	Speech
	Women's Ensemble	Speech
May	Academic Team	DECA
Theatre Company	Junior CEC	Orchestra
Paragon	Paragon	

## ON THE CLOCK

Hours piled up during clubs' most active weeks throughout the year

- 54** number of hours Marching Band practiced in one week
- 20** number of hours DECA practiced every week before competition
- 20** number of hours the Theatre Company spent preparing for a production
- 15** number of hours Paragon took to finish a deadline
- 13** number of hours Crier worked during paper week

### CEC, Freshman

■ president Nicole Montella, freshman; vice president Kristie Miller, freshman; secretary Colleen Boyle, freshman; treasurer Nina Damjanovich, freshman  
 ■ Mr. Joe Sokol, sponsor  
 ■ 12 members  
 "We didn't have a lot of obligation for freshman year, but we raised funds for the future activities like homecoming floats, prom, senior banquet and class gifts. We were in charge of the class t-shirt sales."  
 Mr. Sokol

### CEC, Sophomore

■ Mrs. Jackie Podkul and Julianne Acevez, sponsors  
 ■ 12 members  
 "CEC was used to teach students about leadership skills. The kids were elected by their peers and were chosen to represent them. There had been absolutely no meetings since planning for homecoming."  
 Mrs. Podkul

### CEC, Junior

■ Mr. Marc Lehnener and Miss Jennifer Bulla, sponsors  
 ■ 11 members  
 "We did Homecoming preparation all four years. Junior year we ran prom."  
 Mr. Lehnener

### CEC, Senior

■ president Kristy Anderson, senior; vice president Jordan Jancosek, senior; secretary Katelyn Bochnowski, senior; treasurer Jeff Chou, senior  
 ■ Miss Valerie Pflum, sponsor  
 ■ 12 members  
 "In Senior CEC we provided the Homecoming float, and you were the leader in the pep sessions. We also organized the senior banquet."  
 Ms. Pflum



Band, Pep 2 (front row) Sarah Skertic, Erin Montgomery, Andrea Slamkowski, Stephanie Buggis, Andrea Dell'Aquila, Rachel Colias, Melissa Lee, Robyn Hernig, (second row) Danielle Szumilas, Val Carrillo, Michelle Ballard, Alison Bergmann, Aava Khatiwada, Nayan Pozzontak, Lindsay Moore, Meagan Yothenment (third row) Katie Palmer, Melissa Caputo, Carrie Frank, Melissa Rangel, Heather Loden, Ellen Schwarz, Lovelyn Pastrana (back row) Stephanie Sepiol, Mary Sandrick, Joshua Willis, Ariana Rodriguez, Paul Bainbridge, Stephanie Handlon, Daniel Bazon, Katie Verkrayse



CEC, Freshman (front row) Michael Dovellos, Ashley Burton, Lindsay Moore, Katie Palmer, Thomas Burgwald, Kristie Miller (back row) Colleen Boyle, Stacey Wierman, Bailey Voss, Nina Damjanovich, Nicole Montella, Kathryn Frakes



CEC, Sophomore (front row) Rizzzie Fisher, Jordan Huckaby, Lindsay Hayes, Marcin Kuzma (back row) Jessica Koetteritz, Lizzy Stone, Sujay Jayakar, Molly Sliwa, Laura Kinser



CEC, Junior (front row) Jessica Korda, Nicoletta Coduti, Tashi Damjanovich, Amanda Scott (back row) Pero Ognuzovich, Patrick Doherty, Sam Kasmark, James Burgwald, Liz Monelli, Kyle Stuart



CEC, Senior (front row) Jordan Jancosek, Katelyn Bochnowski, Chan Huynh (back row) Kristina Anderson, Tony Markovich, Joe Scholtz, Jeff Chou, Joel Schneider, Eric Nelson





**Color Guard** (first row) Janelle Boudreau, Kelsey Ellingsen, Kim Wiers, Amanda Bacoyanis (back row) Andrea Manchak, Allison Newman, Amy Vogel, Natalie Lewandowski



**Crier** (front row) Veronica Delgado, Steph Gorman, Lauren Furchmeyer, Nicole Hong, Natalie Moya (back row) Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Russell Gonzales, Kevin Donahue, Annie Pellicciotti, Ryan Miller



**DECA** (front row) Mr. Lewis, Shaheen Omery, Mubarak Singh, Buddy Becher, Neil Keshvani, Neil Doshi, Dakota Thompson, Ben Goldenberg (second row) Nithin Krishnan, Suyaj Jayakar, Erick Ferrer, Daniel Del Real, Chris Witter, Anja Mitric, Robin Jiang, Tyler Schwartz (third row) Mike Gonzales, Ankur Dedania, Mitch Hanak, Viraj Maniar, Marcin Kurma, Grant Williams, Rohan Warrior (back row) Eric Anderson, Garrett Mintz, Nolan Sliko, Paul Kuzma, Imran Husain, Sidarth Dasari, Lertow Felton, Kevin Nossem



**DECA** (front row) Dulzi Dave, Michael Dovellos, Abhinav Ravi, Surbhi Agarwal, Gannon Grimmer, Chakori Macherla, Sara Rossuminari, Mike Paulow (second row) Breck Scarnavack, Taylor Hodges, Jessica Koetteritz, Sophia Raziuddin, Michele Murday, Melissa Bates, Sameera Raziuddin (back row) Jillian Koselke, Aisha Siddiqui, Ines Tzolov, Anup Segu, Erin Melnyire, Adam Cooper, Sam Maryyla, Ummaima Sadaf



## Color Guard

- Mr. Bill Woods, sponsor
  - 8 members
  - officers Kim Wiers and Amanda Bacoyanis, seniors
- "Our job was to accent the band and be their visual during the marching show; however, this year we had an unusually small number of members so we were really close."

Kim Wiers, senior

## Crier

- editor-in-chief Jessica Beezhold, senior; managing editor Natalie Moya, senior; design editor Ryan Miller, junior
  - Mrs. Nancy Hastings, sponsor
  - 7 writers, 9 photographers
- "We changed the style of Crier for a less formal and more interesting approach. We focused on presenting the material in new and innovative ways. We tried to be more student friendly."

Ryan Miller, junior

## DECA

- president Eric Anderson, junior; vice president Robin Jiang, sophomore; secretary Sidarth Dasari, sophomore; treasurer Viraj Maniar, sophomore; historian Adam Cooper, junior
- Mr. Kent Lewis, sponsor
- 86 members

"We took more students than ever before to the State DECA Conference (58) and took second at state out of about 90 schools. We also qualified 15 students for the International DECA Conference in Orlando, FL."

Mr. Lewis

Ensemble, Mixed (front row) Jenny Eskander, Suchita Rastogi, Clarissa Gosciej, Anisha Rastogi, Christina Rizk, Katie Anderson, Katie Taylor (second row) Alyssa Larimer, Sarah Meggers, Paul Bainbridge, Doug Johnson, Aree Varjabedian, Danielle Troumoularis (back row) Clarke Remmers, Michael Konopaek, Zach Perlinksi, Bryan Lee, Mark Knight, Charlie Krull, Jonathan Alexander

## q&a

How did you calm your nerves before a performance?

"Pit orchestra was more of a group thing so it was more relaxed, partly thanks to Doc [Bartlett]. You could at all times find us with Swedish fish and on the last performance Doc would bring cookies. Usually you didn't worry unless you had a solo and that wasn't even much stress because of the relaxed environment."

Andrew Johnson, junior

"I didn't get nervous often, because I was in the chorus. We were on stage so we really got into whatever scene we were in and played up our characters. The Spring Musical *Mame* was my favorite because it was set in the 1920s."

Mary Sandrick, sophomore

"I took deep breaths and told myself it was going to be okay if I messed up and it wouldn't be the end of the world. I put a huge smile on my face and knew if I made a mistake I would have to just keep going."

Rachel Hluska, freshman

## Mixed Ensemble

- Dr. Tim Bartlett, sponsor
  - 20 members
- "The purpose of the group was to make wonderful music and learn more about music in general together."

Dr. Bartlett

## DEGREES of separation

1 speech had a  
meet the same  
day as

2 ISSMA vocals,  
who sang in the

3 spring musi-  
cal that was  
worked by the  
auditorium staff

4 who also worked  
the African Drum  
performance  
during Battle of  
the Bands

5 which was  
sponsored by  
Student Govern-  
ment who had a  
story in Crier

6 that came out  
the same day as  
the Speech and  
Debate's chicken  
barbeque

### French Club

■ president Colleen Re-  
sler, senior; vice presidents  
Grant Huebner and Jon Mer-  
ritt, juniors; treasurers Ol-  
ivia Enger, senior, Kim Long,  
junior; secretaries Marissa  
Zoppetti, senior, and Nicole  
Hong, junior

■ Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb,  
sponsor

■ 90 members  
"In French Club you ex-  
perienced French culture  
through food, holidays  
and fieldtrips. We had  
a guy who came from  
France who was an art-  
ist and poet, and he came  
to one of our club parties.  
He was the Great-Uncle  
of Umbreen Khan and has  
been living in France since  
he was 16."  
Mrs. Mart-Webb

### German Club

■ presidents Jordan Jan-  
cosek, senior, and Andrew  
Johnson, junior; vice presi-  
dents Tommy Mamberg  
and Emily Yeager, seniors;  
secretary Kerian Ballan-  
co, junior; treasurer Adam  
Cooper, junior

■ Mrs. Eileen Meier,  
sponsor  
■ 109 members  
"We went to the Chicago  
Fire soccer game, which  
was different than normal.  
We used to go to Six Flags,  
but it was too expensive,  
so the soccer game served  
as the alternative."  
Emily Yeager, senior

### Ensemble, Women's

■ Dr. Tim Bartlett, sponsor  
■ 30 members

"We created artistic vocal  
experiences for all of our  
audiences to enjoy."  
Dr. Bartlett



French Club (front row) Alex Andjelich, Clarke Remmers, Keaton Aktay, Neil Doshi, Buddy Becher, Ann Perz, Holly Stevens, Erin Moss (second row) Grant Williams, Brian Ritz, Sean Geor-  
gas, Dan Kretz, Jason Rutkowski, Eric Ferrer, Alex Rosales, Lizzy Stone (third row) Tyler Dab-  
shot, Federico Olasewhkan, Kevin Nossem, Marcin Kuzma, Mitch Brubn, Matt Thompson, Paul  
Chiang (back row) Jon Merritt, Eric Anderson, Pat Pohrite, Tom Cafmeyer, Jovan Andjelich, Grant  
Huebner, Sonny Marcetic, Chris Witter



French Club (front row) Heather Loden, Elissa Moll, Carlissa Gocier, Judith Maddatu, Sara Ri-  
minari, Danica Rodriguez, Val Carrillo, Anne Koulanos (second row) Danny Alexander, Lowely  
Pastrana, Jessica Castillo-Rivera, Carolyn Brown, Sam Mardyla, Jackie Kovach, Katrina Minton,  
Marilyn Hansen (third row) Jessica Cusserath, Nicole Hong, Lauren Hudak, Olivia Enger, Tatara  
Bozovic, Justine Van Dyke, Shazayya Ann Morgan, Umbrin Khan, Patricia Schmauser (fourth row)  
Ashley Kolar, Jackie Boyle, Katie Banks, Megan Hruska, Mimi Grodzanski, Sophie Griggs, Kim  
Long, Austin Piech, Molly Pozcetek (back row) Amanda Schulte, Leroy Velasquez, Chris Cheng,  
Onanisan Gbagi, Amanda Bacoyanis, Neil Keshvani, Alec Shmagranoff, Raul Ferrer



German Club (front row) Mary Webber, Erin Montgomery, Elissa Moll, John Fassinger, Val Car-  
ri, Melissa Webber, Ali McKenna (second row) Melissa Cappel, Stephanie Seipol, Edyta Borowicz,  
Marko Gvero, Megan Hammermeister, Gabbi Rapin, Katrina Minton, Jared Kerzner (third row)  
Emily Yeager, Maureen Shields, Lauren Fuhmeyer, Jessica Hilbrich, Jennifer Romano, Kerian  
Ballanco, Jordan Jancosek (back row) Julie Zivich, Megan Hruska, Jennifer Peir, Neil Keshvani,  
Chris Kennedy, Austin Piech, Adam Cooper, Rachel Hannigan



Ensemble, Women's (front row) Molly White, Mallory McShane, Myhill Chittammi, Mandy  
Herr, Stephanie Seipol, Katie Franklin, Maureen Shields (second row) Jelena Grodzanski, Olivia  
Yates, Heather Hajduk, Bethany Bongo, Kaitlyn Lewandowski, Olivia Enger (third row) Gabbi  
Rapin, Madelyn Hedin, Jessica Peach, Kim Long, Nicole Raynor, Angela Helm, Krista Zagar (back  
row) Sera Calante, Amanda Bacoyanis, Malissa Hernandez, Nalani Ravelo, Kim Wiers, Tabitha  
Strong, Sami Bonessa, Lyndsey Hernandez



German Club (front row) Anne Matzko, Anja Mitric, Stephanie Gajewski, Annie Scamato, Sa-  
via Borowicz, Holly Stevens, Matt Jones, Samuel Cummings, Shannon McCarthy (second row)  
Aaron Cooper, Christina Terry, Patrick O'Brien, Joe O'Brien, James Dubish, Andrew Johnson,  
Toey Matz, Nick Markovich, Matt Gehring, Lindsey Ziemba (third row) Alex Bilso, Jon Velick,  
Evan Maul, Matt Thompson, Mark Knight, Tim Qualls, Tommy Mambour, Pero Ogirzovich, Li  
Monell (back row) Joe Raycraft, Andrew Kaminski, Steve Markovich, Graham Haras, Dan Craig,  
Jeff Bagrel, Keifer Morgan, Eric Anderson, Sonny Marcetic, Daniel del Real



NHS (front row) Alex Andjelich, Kristina Anderson, Cam Sclent, Joey Domenico, Kate Varnum, Chelsy Kimes, Veronica Delgado (second row) Michael Alexander, Kim Wiers, Andy Jonelis, James Han, Akash Rasia, Joe Raycroft, Pete Broussalis (third row) Bennet Cervan, Dan Cisman, Joel Schreder, Jeff Santos, Jacob Krasmanick, Chris Kennedy, Michael Konopasek (back row) Joe Scholtz, Bryan Lee, John-Michael Mulesa, Ravi Shah, Nick Fisher, Zachary Perlini, Darryl Dedelow Jr., Jeff Chou



NHS (front row) Elissa Moll, Jenny Eskander, Fatima Husain, Taylor Della Rocco, Chan Huynh, Katelyn Bochnowski, Tammy Lee, Olivia Enger (second row) Maureen Shelds, Jordan Janosek, Emily Lyness, Rachel Eldert, Olivia Gershan, Emily Yaeger, Colleen McIntyre, Natalie Moya, Heather Loden (third row) Katie Taylor, Lauren Hudak, Marissa Sylvester, Eunice Niamosh, Anisha Umapathy, Katie Szafarz, Lisa Weichman, Jason Pastrana, Cecilia Huang, Cristina Vanko, Desiree Cossyleon (fourth row) Lizzie Browder, Alex Avigad, Jason Pastrana, Cecilia Huang, Michelle Zehner, Clare McCullough, Eric Nelson, Cate Lee, Missy Kitzner (fifth row) Brendan George, Jeff Heitz, Danielle Troumoularis, Katelyn Laszlo, Amanda Bacyonis, Mary Carp, Stefanie Dohm, Elena Falloun, Amanda Schulte, Tony Markovich



Orchestra (front row) Mary Webber, Elissa Moll, Stephanie Bayes, Sarah Mihich, Melissa Webber, Allison Newman, Allison DeGeorge (second row) Martha Mihich, Lindsay Moore, Kristen Puley, Megan Yohment, Lovelyn Pastrana, Poja Khattiwada, Julie Hawkins, Madolyn Hedin, Hannah Kuroski, Nima Kamalpour, Khashayar Farhadi, Yena Choi (third row) Bethany Borgo, Bridget Fisher, Christina Lee, Chan Huynh, Angela Hehn, Ariana Rodriguez, Mary Sandrick, Colleen McIntyre, Katie Taylor, Cate Lee, Adam Cooper, Sean Carey (fourth row) Desiree Cossyleon, Christina Rix, Armando Ramirez, Kristina Kovach, Rachel Hannigan, Matt Jones, Kelly Schlotman, Daya Desai, Nikhil Bhagwat, Paul Bainbridge, Mara Maddocks (fifth row) Samuel Cummings, Erin McIntyre, Aaron Cooper, Jennifer Peng, Clarke Remmers, Jonathan Alexander, Joe Krups, Clare McCullough, George Samaan (back row) Samuel Metz, Federico Olasebikan, Tyler Drabenslot, Anna Dom, Karl Bacyonis, Kim Hajtuch, Tanner Olio, Bennet Cervan, James Willis, Andrew Johnson



Paragon (front row) Alyssa Spungen, Farhah Hossain, Katie Taylor, Lizzie Browder, Jessica Osegueda, Eunice Niamosh (second row) Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Stoph Gorman, Katie Banks, Maya Zar-Rozza, Veronica Delgado, Samantha Taylor, Tony Markovich, Sarah Johnson, Lauren Fuetheyer



Project X (front row) Neil Keshvani, Brian Lewis, Lazarick Whitlock, Sarah Johnson, Anja Mitric, Clare McCullough, Cecilia Huang, Tammy Lee (second row) Annie Marinakis, Rhyona Abraham, Sarah Posey, Megan Hruska, Jennifer Peng, Andrew Johnson, Julie Zivich, Danielle Cacihi, Amy Falls (third row) Drew Boop, Kayla Backert, Nicolette Goduli, Grant Williams, Rizzae Fisher, Shannon McCarthy, Jennifer Kidder, Sara Ambry (back row) Andrew Kaminski, Steve Markovich, Kenny Hamilton, Christina Terry, Zach Perlini, Ben Varnum, Darryl Dedelow Jr., Eric Anderson, Blake Williams

## National Honor Society

- president Kristy Anderson, senior; vice president Lauren Hudak, senior; secretary Golnoosh Kamali, senior; treasurer Chan Huynh, senior
  - Miss Valerie Pflum, sponsor
  - 123 members
- "Normally we did everything for the members to gain points, but Kristy Anderson tried to have at least one event that benefited someone else except NHS, like the food drive."
- Chan Huynh, senior

## Orchestra

- president Desiree Cossyleon, senior; vice president Katie Taylor, senior; treasurer Chan Huynh, senior; secretary Angela Hehn, junior
  - Mrs. Jill Cooke, sponsor
  - 65 members
- "We got to play for the North Central Association (NCA) in Chicago at the Marriott on the Magnificent Mile."
- Katie Cooke

## Paragon

- editor-in-chief Lizzie Browder, senior; copy editor Katie Taylor, senior; design editor Sarah Johnson, junior
  - Mrs. Nancy Hastings, sponsor
  - 10 writers and 9 photographers
- "We had 10 writers on staff, which was a big increase from the previous year. All the personalities made the 'Pub' more lively and expanded coverage. The best things were the friendships I made with people who were outside my circle of friends."
- Lizzie Browder, senior

## Project X

- president Katie Stout, senior; vice president Jessica Beezhod, senior; secretary Lauren Hudak, senior; treasurer Clare McCullough, senior
  - Mrs. Darlene Acosta, sponsor
  - 50 members
- "We made every member volunteer for community service for a minimum of four hours each month. We wanted to make everyone an active member."
- Katie Stout, senior

## q&a

Why did you join the clubs that involved you?

"I joined French Club because I liked the culture and I was taking the class. My friends were joining and it was another way to hang out with them."

Katherine Andreos, freshman

"I wanted to get a better understanding on subjects because I was undecided on what I wanted to do, and the clubs gave me a better understanding on career paths that I can choose."

Neil Doshi, junior

"I did it because I enjoyed what it was. I had always enjoyed theater, the people and the whole experience of it. I liked just putting on a production, working the shows, building sets and rehearsals."

Andrew Frye, sophomore



**Project X** (front row) Emma Grdina, Emily Becher, Kristen Slaboski, Jelena Grozdanic, Vanessa Cordova, Tess Edvardsen, Jessica Cuadra, Angela Hehn (second row) Brendan Geogas, Kaitlin Ritchie, Marissa Sylvester, Michele Zehner, Katie Stout, Alex Andjelich, Heather Loden, Catie Lee (third row) Rachel McMahon, Kerriann Ballanco, Danielle Szumilas, Armando Ramirez, Paulina Kozupa, Nicole Hong, Sam Mardyla, Lauren Hudak (back row) Kristina Kovacich, Julia Groszek, Lainey Williams, Missy Kirincic, Kara Spurlock, Mary VanDeuren, Stacey Wierman, Ines Tzolov, Erin Holt



**Project X** (front row) Lexi Westerfield, Matt Hirsch, Josh Wojcik, Katie Anderson, Punam Tiwana, Aava Khattiwada, Supriya Shah (second row) Andrea Dell'Aquila, Mary Herak, Morgan Midkiff, Britney Bregger, Alessandra Mora, Gina Novakovich, Mimi Grozdanic, Ashley Moore (third row) Natasha Kanak, Aisha Siddiqui, Sameera Razuddin, Sophia Razuddin, Reema Shah, Ummama Sadaf, Chakori Macherla (back row) Kristen Pagnone, Behnoosh Kamali, Kelly Kerner, Tetsuo Toyama, Joe Krupa, Colleen Boyle, Rachel Kraus, Aleksandra Coric

## q&a

What does it take to be a leader?

“The important thing about being a leader was that you needed to come up with new, productive ideas, but you had to listen to others’ ideas too.”

Spanish Club Treasurer  
Darryl Dedelow Jr., senior

“You needed to be on top of things, always stay friendly and personable, get along with everyone and be open to new ideas.”

Freshman CEC President  
Kristie Miller, freshman

“Being a leader took getting used to. It was always difficult to learn everyone’s strengths and needs of improvement.”

Crier Design Editor  
Ryan Miller, junior

## Students Against Destructive Decisions

■ president Cristina Vanko, senior; vice president Eunice Ntiamoh, senior; treasurer Marissa Sylvester, senior; secretary Lauren Hudak, senior

■ Mrs. Darlene Acosta, sponsor

■ 65 members  
“For the first time, SADD actually helped the community by gift giving to the Munster Community Hospital. SADD made the students more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving. We had a vehicle that was actually involved in a driving accident donated by the Lake County Sheriff.”

Mrs. Acosta



**Project X** (front row) Elissa Moll, Sarah Wachala, Dulani Dave, Sarah Flick, Andrea Slomkowski (second row) Michael Dovellos, Christina Ayergerinos, Divya Chauhan, Rima Deldi, Yena Choi, Niyati Shah (third row) Karina Fonseca, Amanda Rogers, Jessica Koelitz, Christina Pasyk, Magie Figueroa, Nicole Rodriguez, Ruha Siddiqui (back row) Sarah Sikora, Julia Shlensky, Erica Case, Melissa Bates, Michelle Ratner, Michele Murday, Allie Hurwick, Kristie Miller



**SADD** (front row) Chakori Macherla, Pooja Khattiwada, Lauren Hudak, Cristina Vanko, Eunice Ntiamoh, Marissa Sylvester, Sophia Razuddin, Lauren Pazik, Alyssa Dyrick (second row) Sara Sasamiman, Michelle Ratner, Alex Cohen, Angela Hehn, Aisha Siddiqui, Ummama Sadaf, Katherine Pack, Stephanie Skertich (third row) Kayle Goldsmith, Morgan Midkiff, Alison Bergmann, Kim Long, Katie Palmer, Jamie Lissy, Sameera Razuddin (back row) Lisa Weichman, Catie Lee, Aleksandra Coric, Kar Mikhiewicz, Nicole Montella, Jelena Grozdanic, Mimi Grozdanic, Behnoosh Kamali



**SADD** (front row) Leroy Velazquez, Peter Ogrzewicz, Erick Ferrer, Matt Goodman, Jess Edvardsen, Lisa Zurek, Sophie Koufos (second row) Eleanor Kennedy, Amy Fuhs, Lazarus Whitlock, Amanda Zimmerman, Jeff Reuter, Jennifer Peng, Julie Zivich, Neil Doshi (third row) Paulina Kozupa, Phil Bernardi, Nicoletta Coduti, Ruzie Fisher, Lindsay Hayes, Neil Keshvani, Sarah Johnson (back row) Grant Williams, Marcin Kuzma, Grant Huether, Ben Varnum, Seth Flahaven, Darryl Dedelow Jr., Tashi Damjanovich, Eric Anderson





**Spanish Club** (front row) Neal Shah, Mimi Grodzanich, Raul Ferrer, Tammy Lee, Kristina Anderson, Darryl Dedelow Jr., James Burgwald, Leroy Velasquez (second row) Joe Raycroft, Neil Doshi, Julie Jims, Pawel Kuzma, Blake Williams, Matt Githrig, Alex Galante, Matt Thompson (third row) Eric Anderson, Marcin Kurma, Brandon Ruiz, Dan Crisman, Bennett Cervon, Sonny Marcotic, Chris Wither (back row) Sidarth Dasari, Tony DiCostanzo, Joe Gill, Errol Geberin, Seth Flahaven, AJ Spolnik, Ravi Shah



**Spanish Club** (front row) Veronica Delgado, Amy Fuhs, Aava Khatiwada, Alison Bergmann, Sarah Posey, Danielle Cacich, Mike Hamis, Russell Gonzalez (second row) Sarah Johnson, Jennifer Peng, Eleanor Kennedy, Julia Zivich, Emily Becher, Tetsuo Toyama, Thomas Burgwald, Benjamin Goldenberg (third row) Arefin Chowdhury, Michael Becka, Sarah Roque, Vanessa Cordova, Ines Tzolov, Timothy Ewe, Ian Pavnick, Camille Rodriguez (back row) Brandon White, Tess Edwardsen, Erick Ferrer, Jesus Avina, Grant Williams, Jordan Hucksby, Ray Lopez, Sam Kismark, Matt Goodman



**Spanish Club** (front row) Morgan Midkiff, Lorissa Piefiszka, Culler Florez, Zach Suethik, Kyle Carey, Dana Sanders, Melissa Rangel, Britney Breyer (second row) Kody Thompson, Lisa Zurek, Melina Moreno, Jacob Cheroan, Sarah Mustain, Dominique Ranieri, Jennifer Ridder (third row) Courtney Zotos, Madison Gallegos, Jackie Alvarado, Rachel McManis, Rachel Ceja, Taylor Marcus, Pooja Khatiwada (back row) Sara Galante, Jessica Cuadra, Annie Marinakos, Ruth Christopher, Allison Skimehorn, Amanda Zimmerman, Angela Hehn, Kristina Roser



**Spanish Club** (front row) Sarah Wachala, Rachel Nowinski, Dulart Dave, Mythili Chintamani, Chakori Macherla, Aisha Siddiqui, Rema Shah, Saphia Raziuddin (second row) Gabi Cornejo, Karina Chavez, Kate Burns, Valen Ramirez, Sameera Raziuddin, Rima Siddiqui, Neelam Vachhani (third row) Kavita Dedania, Lana Muhrez, Shivani Patel, Allison Newman, Amy Vogel, Allison DeGeorge, Joey Narrow, Michael Dovellos, (fourth row) Heena Patwari, Katie Silaj, Lindsay Moore, Lauren Patek, Hanina Kurowski, Joanna Marinakos, Annie Chen, Ashley Burton (back row) Ximena Fernandez de Cordova, Leslie Paulos, Jessica Kitchell, Lindsey Kitchell, Matt Hirsch, Andrea Slomkowski, Rachael Trevino, Courtney Drobac, Michelle Ratner

## Spanish Club

■ president Raul Ferrer, senior; vice president Kristy Anderson, senior; secretary Tammy Lee, senior; treasurer Darryl Dedelow Jr., senior  
■ Ms. Meghan Bialas, sponsor

■ 250 members  
"The purpose of Spanish Club was to let students experience Spanish and Latin American Culture. We went to a Mana concert after Spring Break which was a lot of fun."

Darryl Dedelow Jr., senior

## TOP 5 LARGEST CLUBS

Student club involvement makes membership numbers rise

250

Spanish Club members

172

Project X volunteers

170

Speech and Debate competitors

123

National Honor Society students

109

German Club participants



**Spanish Club** (front row) Brittany Lapa, Vickie Montejano, Emily Saeucedo, Karina Fonseca, Ruba Siddiqui, Katie Palmer, Ellen Schwarz (second row) Elle Kirby, Abhinav Ravi, Anneliese Hernandez, Niyati Shah, Surbhi Agarwal, Alexandria Doctor, Khashayar Farhadi, Elisabeth Klisser (third row) Christina Pasyk, Emma Gdina, Sarah Sikora, Nicole Montella, Colleen Boyle, Kristie Miller, Kelly Schlotman (back row) Tammy Montella, Austin Peck, Melissa Lee, Shirin Kamalipour, Austin Wayne, Alyse Johnson, Danielle Szumlas, Robyn Henry

## WORDPLAY

Click designed shirts with creative phrases showing what they stood for

## t-shirt phrases

Caution: Large Pinas  
(Caution: Large Pineapples)

I'm Cuckoo for  
German Club

Live, Live  
Life Is A Banquet  
(Mame Production)

Always Fresh

Meet Me In The Pub...  
It's Going Down

Some people want it to happen  
Some people wish it could happen

Others make it happen

—Michael Jordan

WE MAKE IT HAPPEN!

## Speech and Debate

■ president Joel Schneider, senior; vice president Katie Lee, senior; secretary Carly Gibbs, junior; speech historian Cristina Vanko, senior; debate historian Alex Avgtis, senior

■ Ms. Jennifer Bulla, sponsor

■ 170 members

"Students had the opportunity to compete in a variety of performance-based events in order to improve skills in speech, writing, public address and debate."

Ms. Bulla

## Student Government

■ president Joey Domencio, senior; vice president Kate Varnum, senior

■ Mrs. Twila Marsh, Ms. Sarah Szarmach, co-sponsors

■ 8 freshmen, 8 sophomores, 8 juniors, 10 seniors

"We represent the entire student body. The students were voted in by their peers. It's not just a club that anybody can join."

Mrs. Marsh



Speech and Debate (front row) Mike Pudlow, Katherine Andreatos, Sarah Chowdhury, Judith Maddatu, Meagan Yothment, Lovelyn Pastrana, Andrea Slankowski (second row) Katie Palmer, Ellen Schwarz, Danielle Szumlas, Melissa Lee, Stephanie Sepiol, Alison Bergman, Devin Gosberry (third row) Paige Patterson, Rayneet Girm, Breck Scarnavak, Kurt Alberson, Natasha Kanal, Alex Reindl, Niyati Shah, Ashley Elland (back row) Lisa Hurwich, Kathryn Wadas, Jelena Gvozdenich, Lauren Hudak, Colleen Boyle, Nicole Hong, Catie Lee, Cristina Vanko, Allison Medina



Speech and Debate (front row) Ashley Burton, Chloe Witter, Anisha Rustogi, Elissa Moll, Mary Webber, Clarissa Gosciej, Sophia Raziuddin (second row) Divya Chauhan, Rachel Colias, Nina Kamalpour, Tony Campana, Ruha Siddiqui, Elisabeth Klisser, Martha Mihich (third row) Jessica Castillo-Rivera, Abhinav Ravi, Yena Choi, Kyle Carey, Kavita Dedana, Neelam Vachani, Heena Patwari (back row) Christina Lee, Arefin Chowdhury, Vivek Dasari, Alexandria Doctor, Jordan Huckaby, Zak Tirtsch, Ben Goldenberg, Danny Alexander



Speech and Debate (front row) Jessica Hilbert, Eleanora Kennedy, Jon Merritt, Lazrick Whitlock, Sonja Vasic, Eunice Ntamoah, Olivia Yates, Sarah Johnson (second row) Megan Hruska, Christopher Reba, Charlie Krull, Doug Johnson, Hunter Muckel, Clarke Remmers, Robin Jiang (third row) Russell Gonzalez, Nicoletta Coduti, Garrett Mintz, Akash Rusia, Neal Shah, Andrew Johnson, Sara Galante, Tabitha Strong (back row) Alex Rosales, Michael Konopasek, Joel Schneider, Adam Bobeck, Zach Perlinski, Imran Husain, Sidharth Dasari, Gabe Harangody, Chris Witter



Speech and Debate (front row) Emma Gdina, Madolyn Hedin, Kim McShane, Surbhi Agarwal, Mythili Chintamani, Samera Raziuddin, Rima Siddiqui, Shwani Patel (second row) Supriya Shah, Sara Rasanamir, Aava Khatiwada, Behnoosh Kamali, Aleksandra Coric, Stephen Ong, Timothy Yee, Austin Plech, Katie Banks (third row) Jacob Tepperman, Ines Tzolov, Kristina Keith, Daya Devanathan, Sam Mardyla, Punam Tiwana, Allie Hurwich, Tyler Schwartz (back row) Anup Segu, Sujay Jayakar, Arjun Kumar, Chris Kennelly, Alex Avgtis, Justin Mulesa, Nithin Krishnan, Neil Kondamuri, Nikhil Bhagwat



Student Government (front row) Surbhi Agarwal, Patrick Raycroft, Danny Alexander, Emily Lyness, Lauren Hudak, Timothy Yee, Jelena Gvozdenich, Lainey Williams (second row) Tetsuo Toyama, Desiree Cossyleon, Megan McKechnie, Marc Campos, Vanessa Cordova, Neil Kondamuri, Kristen Slaboski, Ines Tzolov (third row) Kim Long, Matt Thompson, Kate Varnum, Joey Domencio, Dan Linnear, Joe Raycroft, Tess Edvardsen, Erick Ferrer (back row) Federico Olaseobikan, Grant Williams, Pete Broussalis, Ravi Shah, Ben Varnum, Eric Anderson, Nicholas Stoffregen, David Goshay, Ben Taylor



**Theatre Company** (front row) Carli Bolanowski, Danielle Cacich, Olivia Yates, Britney Medved, Kayle Goldsmith, Brian Lewis, Sarah Meggers (second row) Amanda Bacoyanis, Justin Mulea, Jacob Cherigan, Doug Johnson, Mary Carr, Tabitha Strong, Hunter Muckel, Charlie Krull (third row) Kim Wiers, Mark Knight, Jordan Huckaby, Joel Schneider, Michael Konopasek, Clarke Remmers, Kyle Pucalik (back row) Bennie Vassallo, Bryan Lee, Adam Goodwin, Eric Robertson, Pat Pohrte, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Adam Bobeck, Nicholas VanWieren



**Theatre Company** (front row) Katie Franklin, Kathryn Wadas, Stephanie Sepiol, Melissa Lee, Britney Bregger, Melissa Rangel, Kathryn Krull (second row) Katie Anderson, Kim Long, Lindsey Hernandez, Madolyn Hedin, Brandon Lopez, Rachel Hanrigan, Andrew Frye (third row) Paul Bainbridge, Katie Verkuysse, Morgan Midkiff, Jelena Grodzanich, Janelle Boudreau, Kassia Groszewski, Mary Sandrick (back row) Ali Blanchard, Austin Piech, Dan Linmar, David Kiesling, Danielle Troumoularis, Katie Taylor, Katie Banks, Cristina Vanko



**Theatre Company** (front row) Tony Campana, Stephanie Buggy, Mary Webber, Michael Dowell, Jenny Eskander (second row) Molly White, Meagan Yohtment, Sarah Flick, Hannah Kunowski, Marilyn Hansen, Allison Newman, Sam Curtis (back row) Katie Palmer, Laura Aguilar, Kellie Nadratowski, Bethany Borgo, Katie Bobeck, Alex Reindl, Eric Roach, Kaitlyn Melder



**Thespians** (front row) Jenny Eskander, Stephanie Sepiol, Katie Franklin, Molly White, Olivia Yates, Kathryn Krull, Katie Taylor (second row) Danielle Troumoularis, Paul Bainbridge, Austin Piech, Morgan Midkiff, Britney Bregger, Katie Banks (third row) Melissa Rangel, Janelle Boudreau, Kassia Groszewski, Justin Mulea, Amanda Bacoyanis, Danielle Cacich, Kathryn Wadas (back row) Kim Wiers, Joel Schneider, Nicholas VanWieren, Pat Pohrte, Michael Konopasek, Mark Knight, Doug Johnson, Mary Carr

## HITTING THE BIG TIME

Students set standards as they reach accomplishments

### Academic Team

Science Olympiad won  
8th in State  
Envirothon won  
2nd in State

### DECA

15 members qualified for  
Internationals in Orlando,  
Florida

### Paragon

Won NSPA Pacemaker award

### Crier

Won 2nd NSPA Best in show  
and Ryan Miller & Natalie  
Moya received Quill and  
Scroll Gold Keys

### Speech and Debate

Competitors qualifying  
for Nationals:  
Eleanor Kennedy  
Jessica Hilbrich  
Amy Fuhs  
Chris Kennelly  
Alex Avgitis  
Mike Pudlow  
Lauren Hudak  
Eunice Ntiemoah  
Carly Gibbs  
Austin Piech

## Theatre Company

■ president Danielle Troumoularis, senior; vice presidents Joel Schneider, senior, Kathryn Wadas, junior

■ Mr. Larry A. Brechner, sponsor

■ 120 members

"Theatre Company was there to produce quality theater for the entire community. Very few schools produce four shows. I was proud of the two shows that were directed by students. They literally were in charge of the whole process."

Mr. Brechner

## Thespians

■ president Danielle Troumoularis, senior; vice presidents Joel Schneider, senior, Kathryn Wadas, junior

■ Mr. Larry A. Brechner, sponsor

■ 40 members

"Thespians was there to be a part of a more national/international set of people."

Mr. Brechner

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The rest is history

Congratulations to our son Joey and long time pals Peter and Mike. The future is yours for the taking.

Joe and Carol Domenico



### alex galante



Congratulations Alex!!!!!!  
Wishing you every success in college and beyond.

"May you live as long as you want,  
and never want as long as you live."

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Sara and Eric



erin goodman



Erin,  
You'll always be our little girl. We are so proud of the terrific young woman you've become. You were successful on and off the soccer field, and we know you will be successful in all your future endeavors. Good luck at Purdue.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Matt

kevin donahue

You have lived an interesting life, and now you can take what you have learned and become the special man you were meant to be.

Love,  
Mom, Julianne and Roxy

george nieves

We are proud  
of you  
George Nieves!

Love,  
Dad and Mom

jordan jancosek

You told me when I started this that there would be no morning practices...and so the story continues...4 more years of morning practices!! We couldn't be prouder!

Love,  
Mom, Dad  
and Jess



errol geberin

We are very proud of the person you have become! Continue to challenge yourself and follow your dreams. God bless and watch over you. Good luck at University of Miami!

We love you!  
Mom, Dad,  
Morgan and Topy



katharyne moore

From bedtime marches of the past, to graduation and the future, we could not be prouder. We love you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Love you Butchy,  
Mom, Dad, Andrew,  
Tony and Bailey XOXO

## SENIOR SALUTE

A black and white photograph of a young child, likely a toddler, with dark hair and bangs. The child is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are crouching on a textured, possibly carpeted, surface. The child is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Mom, Jarek  
and Malgosia

**SENIOR SALUTE**

We love you!  
Mom and Dad

## SENIOR SALUTE seniors

Mom, Dad, Dorie, Jason,  
Doug, Nannette, Corey,  
and Keira



## katie szafasz

### KATIE SZAFASZ

Today is your day.  
You're off to great places.  
You're off and away!

And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will, indeed!  
(98 and 3/4% guaranteed.)  
—Dr. Seuss

**You had a blast doing it your way!  
CONGRATULATIONS**

Love,  
Mom and Dad  
Kristen and Brett



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## hilary grunewald and katie szafasz

### KATIE SZAFASZ HILARY GRUNEWALD

"We'll be friends forever,  
won't we Pooh?"  
asked Piglet.  
"Even longer,"  
Pooh answered.

**CONGRATULATIONS!  
IU IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU  
BOTH!**

The Szafasz Family



## lyann jason g. pastrana

**CHERISH the Past  
Live (Today)  
Dream (Future)  
Congratulations and the  
Best to you always.**

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Abby,  
Bethany and Ryanna



## brendan georgas

Congratulations to our awesome son!! You have earned 12 varsity letters while keeping good grades and you made it to State twice this year. What great memories! Remember that your gifts are from God. Keep Him as the focus of your life and you will be a success in any path you take.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Sean, Emmy & Matthew

## sarah meggers

Sarah,  
You're on your way to new beginnings. It's an exciting time for you. We're so proud of who you are and what you've done. God's Blessings as you continue to use the talents He has given you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Allison and Buddy



amanda schulte

To the "girl with dreams as high as the sky and plans to change the world". We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Keep "pushing the edge and daring to experience life and the adventures it has to offer".

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Sara



dan crisman



When you work hard, doors will open. The doors to **your** future are wide open! We are so proud of the person you've become. We love you and want the best for you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, John, Joe and Row-Row too!

jon velchek

"The harder you work, the luckier you become"

Good luck at  
Michigan State University

With lots of love,  
Mom, Dad and Ashley



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Taylor, AIA

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mike gonzales



Graduation has come so "FAST", Time to "DRIVE" to IU at last, On to a "SUPER CHARGED" path, make it a blast! Congratulations Mike! We are so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Papa, Matthew, Cynthia and Jordan, too



## 2006/2007 Munster Mustang Hockey



(front row) Nik Mileusnic, Eric Hutchings, Mathew Laroche, Tommy Merkelis, Brian O'Hara, Courtney Zotos (second row) Jason Schmelzer, Steve Adams, Cory Trimolt, Brian Good, Dan Schlesinger, Tyler Triemstra, Steven Johnson (back row) Coach Richard Rubino, Ryan Russell, Joshua Smit, Joshua Yokovich, Steve Kerber, Justin Smit, Chad VanDeursen, Phil Bernardi, Coach Robert DeGard

## 2007 Seniors



Eric Hutchings



Steve Kerber



Steve Johnson



Ryan Russell



Dan Schlesinger



Jason Schmelzer



Tyler Triemstra

cristina vanko

To our "Miss Cris,"

You've always been our  
angel  
Now it's your turn to fly  
with them  
spread your wings

Mom, Dad,  
Maria and Tommy



chris kolodziej

We are proud of you and  
excited about the  
upcoming chapter in your  
life. Grasp opportunities.  
Dream big. The best is  
yet to come!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

james mehok



Jim,  
We love you very much and  
are very proud of you. We  
know you can do anything  
you put your mind to.  
The future is yours. We wish  
you a life fulfilled with love,  
happiness and success.

All our love,  
Dad, Mom and  
Sherri

angelique mercier

Angelique,  
You have always been a bright and happy girl. Now as  
you go off to Valpo, we hope and pray that you continue  
to grow into an even stronger and more confident young  
woman. We are very proud of you!

Love  
Mom, Dad and Dominique



## golnoosh kamali

It seemed like yesterday you were little miss sunshine singing with your brush. Look at you now, you have become such a beautiful young lady and we could not be more proud.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and  
Behnoosh



## george vauter



Congratulations  
George,  
I'm very proud of you—  
Your future is in good  
hands—Yours

Love,  
Mom

## jonathon alexander



From turtles and trains,  
to baseball and music,  
you've filled our lives with  
laughter and joy. You have  
such a bright and promising  
future ahead of you that we  
know that someday, they'll be  
calling you "Doc" too....  
and the Cubs rule all!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

## kate varnum

"Shoot for the moon.  
Even if you miss, you'll  
be among the stars!"  
Believe and remember  
we love you!

Dad, Mom,  
Beno and Kalie



## chaz franciski

You made us so proud.  
Always follow your  
dreams toward success.

You're still my little  
scooter pie.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

courtney basile



American Girl dolls, dance recitals, Joseph...Where did the time go? You have grown to be a beautiful young woman inside and out. I'm so proud of you and all you have accomplished. God bless you.

Love,  
Mom

veronica delgado

Dear Vero,  
Congratulations on high school graduation. We are very proud of you. Best wishes on your college years. As the years go by and you read this note, please know that we love you very much. You are the best daughter any parent can dream of.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Ricky and Pepe



matt jones



We always knew you had what it takes to be successful. The future is yours. Good luck at Indiana State.

Love,  
Mom, Dad  
and Lauren

katelyn lazso

It seems like you were just our "Little K.K." Words cannot say how much we love you and how much joy you've brought us. We are all so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May you always be inspired to grow in life. Live well, love much, and laugh lots along the way. Always remember, "Good night. I love you."

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
and "Honey 2211"





## band backers

# Congratulations 2007 Band Seniors

## Keep your music ALIVE!

Munster Band Backers



(front row) Jacky Boyle, Nicole Trimolt, Bridget Parker, Heather Ballard, Neylan Poczontek (second row) Amanda Bacoyanis, Jason Pastrana, Dan Del Real, Mike Curran, Mike Cummins, Paul Bainbridge, Renae Kooy (back row) Kim Wiers, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Bryan Lee, John-Michael Mulesa, Matt Kuehn, Dan Umlauf, Zander Kevin

## leah koslowski

Congrats Leah on all your soccer accomplishments! Determination and persisitence will follow you to IU. Believe in yourself always! We are your biggest fans and are so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
and Darcie



## bennet english cerven

You are a gentleman and a scholar, and we couldn't be prouder of you! Congratulations and best of luck at Seton Hall University!

Love,  
Mom, Dad  
and Marelle

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## SENIOR SAUITE seniors

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## tommy mambourg



Tommy,  
Cherish your accomplishments  
as you continue life's journey.  
Your first steps were only the  
beginning. Hard work and dedi-  
cation will bring you success on  
your journey. We'll be with you  
every step of the way.

Love Dad, Mom  
Courtney, Lindsay

sonja vasic

Sonja,  
Whatever you want  
most can be yours. Your  
dream is just waiting to  
unfold and you've got  
magic to make it happen!  
With determination, hope  
and hard work, wishes  
do come true. Set your  
own miracle in motion.  
Believe in you!

Love,  
Mama, Tata and Bata



lauren nourie



Lauren,  
You've become  
everything we hoped  
and thought and  
wished you would be.  
We know you will do  
well in whatever you  
choose to do. We are  
so proud of you!

With all our love,  
Mom, Dad and Jon

## richard meyers



Dear Richard,  
Always remember  
"Life is a succession of  
freshman years."  
May all yours be  
memorably blessed...  
Good luck at IU!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Daniel  
and Christopher

chris kennelly

Caltech 2011!  
We couldn't be  
prouder!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

pat pohrte



One minute you were "Little P.J." doing your "Penguin Dance!" Now you're grown and going to college! Where did the time go? We wish you the absolute best of everything in life. We're so proud of the wonderful guy that you've become!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Ryan

bridget parker

You put your **HEART AND SOUL** into it, and you have **CHANGED FOR GOOD**. MHS was just the **OVERTURE** to your **NEW WORLD**.

Love,  
Mom, Tank and Penny



kara spurlock

Welcome to the best years of your life. Enjoy them sweetie! We're very proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Kelli



stephanie dohman

It seems like just yesterday we were taking you to your first day of kindergarten. Believe in yourself and reach for the stars! We love you and are so very proud!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Craig

patricia schmueser

It doesn't seem that long ago you took your first step. Look at you now, a beautiful confident young woman, ready to take that next step in your life. How proud we are of you.

Keep believing in yourself and follow your dreams.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## austin piech and jeff chou

It's been a joy watching both of you grow-- Continue your journey Austin and Jeff. Conquer All.

Love,  
Maria, Scott and  
Elena



## orchestra

### CONGRATULATIONS 2007 ORCHESTRA SENIORS!

Thank you for your talent and your leadership.  
We couldn't have done it without you!

From The Munster Orchestra Parents



**Senior Orchestra Members** (front row) Bridget Parker, Colleen McIntyre, Catherine Lee, Elissa Moll, Chan Huynh, Christina Rizk, Katie Taylor (back row) Jonathon Alexander, Desiree Cossyleon, Mara Maddocks, Paul Bainbridge, Clare McCullough, Bennet Cerven

## jessie osegueda



You are really BIGGER now!  
Congratulations and  
Good Luck at IU!

We love you!  
Mom, Ricardo,  
Nati, Jenny,  
Hershey and Charlie

## darryl dedelow jr.

Congrats Goose!  
We are very proud  
of you. Follow your  
dreams...  
BELIEVE...bee happy.

Love,  
Mom, Sarah and Craig

jake groszek

Congratulations, Jake!

We are very proud of you and all you've done so far. May God continue to bless all that you do in the future. Keep up the great job of being you.

Love ya,  
Mom, Dad  
And Juju too!



elena falloon

"May God Bless and keep you always,  
May your wishes all come true,  
May you always do for others  
And let others do for you.  
May you build a ladder to the stars  
And climb on every rung,  
And may you stay forever young."



Our pride, our joy, our hope, our great love,  
**Elena Ruth Falloon.** Keep climbing higher and higher.

Your humble supporting cast and greatest fans:  
Mama, Papie, Danny, Baba, Dorothy,  
Violet and Polina Stamenkovich, Vera and Bob Denker.

connor leto

Connor

We are so proud of you.  
Follow your dreams.  
We love you,  
As high as the sky and  
as deep as the ocean.

Always and forever,  
Mom, Dad and Sean

danielle stone



Good Luck  
in all you do.

We love you always,  
Mom and Dad

## paul albrecht-mallinger

Paul,  
Thanks for all the "pep"  
you've brought to our fam-  
ily. We're cheering for you  
on your march through  
life's journey.

Danielle, Renee,  
Mom and Dad



## mike konopasek



Michael Konopasek  
You are our STAR!  
Keep shining...

Love,  
Mom, Julia and A.J.

## jon contos



Jon,  
You Rock!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Louis and  
Winston

## kristy anderson

Here you were on the  
first day of school (so  
cute, so little).

You've grown into an  
amazing, beautiful young  
lady and have accom-  
plished great things.  
We're so Proud of You...  
Continue to Dream Big...  
Always remember...  
We Love You,

Mom, Dad and Renee



Love,  
Mom and Dad

PS Get plenty of rest,  
the future awaits you.

PSS You held me then and  
never let go.Thanks for that.  
XOXO Alyssa

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Congratulations on your graduation. We are very proud of you and your many accomplishments.

May life's journey bring  
you much happiness and  
success.

Love,  
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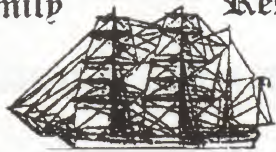


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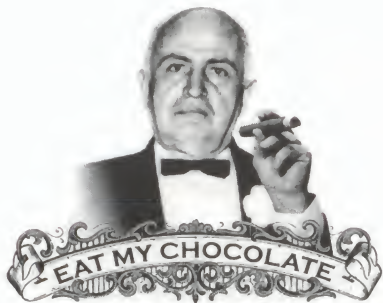
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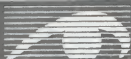
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# Colophon

With a surplus of new staffers, returning editors Lizzie Browder and Katie Taylor devised a way to get to know the staff at the start of the year. The *Paragon* got together let staffers bond in ways that couldn't be attained in class. They saw Lizzie somersaulting in Alyssa Spungen's basement, while Eunice Ntiamoah played her favorite TI songs. Afterwards, the 10 individual writers finally became one united staff.

Once back at the Pub, however, the 10 writers and five photographers worked feverishly to produce the 240 page book. Through the late hour work nights, everyone's personality shined.

Sarah Johnson, yelling to the staff in the computer room, struggled to hear conversations as she designed layouts, while the nine girls ganged up on Tony Markovich, the token boy on staff. As Katie instructed the staff on proper AP style, Sam Taylor taught Alyssa how to do a pirouette, and Julianne Watterson watched in amazement, sipping on her green tea from home. The staff constantly told Fariyah Hossain to stop apologizing, at the same time envying Katie Banks' excessive amount of photo ops on Wednesdays.

Inside jokes fueled laughter, but adviser Mrs. Nancy Hastings kept the staff on task with her push to completely cover the theme ladder chart. Her guidance and experience helped the staff finish the book ahead of schedule on June 4.

Special thanks also goes to Herff Jones Representative Lisa Keene, for cookies, Olive Garden dinners, and words of constant positive attitude.

*Paragon* Volume 42 "like always, like nev-

er before" was printed by Herff Jones, 2525 Midpoint Dr., Edwardsville, KS 66111 with the aid of in-plant Customer Service Advisor Lisa Merino. With a press run of 1050, the book featured 100 lb. Bordeaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost \$43, while late May orders rose to \$48.

The book features a staff created four-color litho cover with gloss lamination. Inspiration for the theme phrase, "like always, like never before" came from a Saturn magazine advertisement.

The yearbook featured headlines using Helvetica Neue and Myriad Pro families, while copy used Palatino. Original designs were inspired by magazine spreads compiled for a creativity book project.

All pages were submitted on CD, using Adobe InDesign CS2 and Adobe Photoshop. Our staff photographers shot, processed and printed approximately 25 percent of the photos with black and white Kodak TMAX 400 film. A large percentage of the photos were shot with digital cameras. Along with the Publications Department's two Nikon D70s, Veronica, Jessie and Stephanie used their own Nikon D50s. Halterman/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclassman and senior portraits, as well as club group shots and some sports action shots. Mr. David Russell supplied the team shots for the sports spreads as well as select play candids.

2006 *Paragon* "Branded For Life" was named a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker, Indiana High School Press Association Hoosier Star, and earned 5th in Best of Show at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention in Nashville, KY.



■ ■ While supervising passing period, Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, principal, wears a pep shirt during Homecoming. "I liked when they announced the Homecoming Queen because the surprise on the girls' faces was always fun to see," Mr. Tripenfeldas said. ■ ■ Making her way around the team, Maureen Modesto, senior, writes "I love Maureen" on everyone's hands at Sectionals. "There were only eight girls on varsity," Maureen said. "We practiced so much; it brought us close together." ■ ■ Dressed in all white Mary Hill and Sarah Roque, sophomores, share iPod speakers during the Boys Basketball game against Valparaiso. "I liked the 'white-out' game because all of the classes were involved, and it was cool to look at the stands and see only white," Sarah said.

**GUITAR HERO** Belting out the lyrics to "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd, Jordan Orr, sophomore, competes in Battle of the Bands. "Even though we didn't win, it was a great experience," Jordan said. "Being up on stage in front of all those people was really mind-blowing."



# Come on, **get me out!**

As the April temperatures bounced between 40 and 80 degrees, students started spacing. Grant Williams, sophomore, attempted to study for an his AP Art History exam but his thoughts drifted to the French Club's Fondue Party. From the baseball team beating Andean to language classes' World Cup soccer games, the final months brought daily distractions from the end-of-the-year crunch.

**I don't know. The last few months certainly weren't fun and games. Spring ushered in life-changing events including the senseless school shooting at Virginia Tech and the April 16 death of alumni Lt. Shaun Blue, the town's first casualty of the Iraq war. In light of these somber events, town officials began posting summer plans in celebration of the town's centennial.**

Wow, 100 years? It seems like I spent that much time studying for finals. How does time fly like that? Mr. Jack King announced his retirement after 34 years of teaching and administration, along with science teacher Mr. Don Ullman and Mr. Don Zellers, assistant principal, with 40 years combined service here.

**True, but the Speech Team sent a record 36 entries to State, an unusually high number, especially after bumping up a division. DECA also took a record-high 15 members to the international competition in Orlando, FL. Other clubs worked in the community during the spring too.**

Oh yeah, that's right. SADD displayed a mangled car to warn students of the dangers of drinking and driving at prom, Art Club tie-dyed t-shirts, and Student Government organized the Blood Drive, which exceeded its goal of 110 donations by 15 units.

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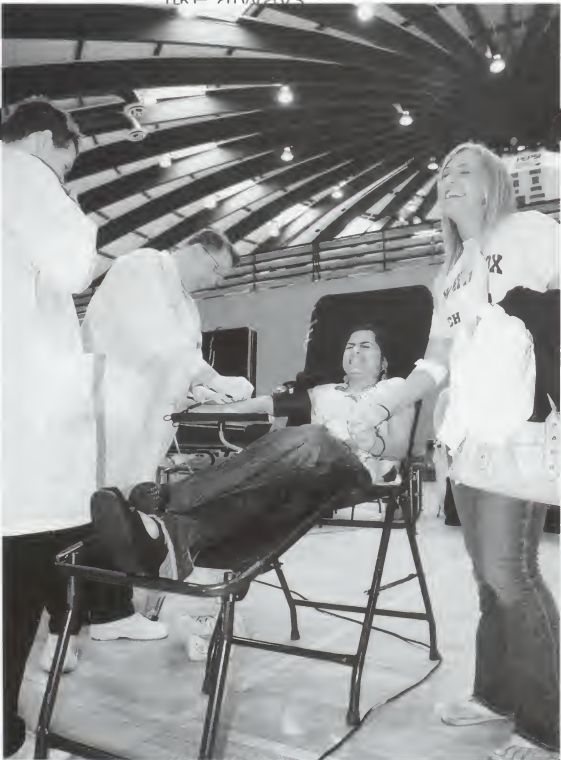


■ ■ Cap in hand, Taylor Della Rocco, senior, sneaks a peek at her graduation garb. "I got excited, so I opened it and just looked at the hat," Taylor said. "Picking it up made me realize how close we were to the end of our road." ■ ■ Gripping the middle beam, Marko Greco, freshman, builds his store-bought kite for extra credit in Geometry. "My kite didn't fly but I still got extra credit," Marko said. ■ ■ With a makeup brush in hand, Taylor Compton, sophomore, applies stage makeup to sophomore Laura Matula's face in Mrs. Renee Kouris' technical theater class. "It was cool because Taylor already knew how to do stage makeup, so I knew she would do something crazy," Laura said.

Around every corner  
students learned to expect  
the unexpected, whether  
they found it in the class-  
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**NO PAIN NO GAIN** With teeth clenched and a friendly hand to squeeze, Natasha Kanak, junior, counts down the seconds until she finished donating enough blood. "I was scared of shots because I hated pain and I got nervous around needles," Natasha said. "I gave blood for Student Government because I heard that one unit of blood could save three lives, and I wanted to do anything I could to help others."



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